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SUMMARY.

The Irish land question was before the House of Commons on Wednesday night on an amendment to the Address in Reply, moved by Mr. J. E. Redmond, appealing to the Government to settle the land question on the lines recommended by the Dublin conference.

Mr. John Morley estimated that to carry out the scheme of the conference would require a free grant of £22,000,000 and a loan of £100,000,000, but thought that economies in administration would largely recoup the State for the free grant.

Mr. George Wyndham, Chief Secretary for Ireland, declined to make a premature pronouncement in regard to his Irish Land Bill, but referred to the Dublin conference as encouraging the hope that Ireland's despondency would be removed.

An amendment on the Address in Reply was also moved urging the Government to repeal the regulation providing for the exclusion of Canadian store cattle.

It was opposed by the Government on the ground that 99 per cent. of the British farmers were opposed to the change.

Russia has issued a warning to Bulgaria and Servia that not a drop of Russian blood will be shed in their behalf if they strive for a change in the Constitution by revolutionary methods.

During an attempt of federal officers to serve legal injunctions upon miners on strike at Charleston, United States, Winchester rifles were used, and three strikers were killed and six fatally wounded, while one officer was killed and two wounded.

The Rev. Dr. Clifford, the Baptist divine, has declared that he is willing to go to gaol rather than pay the Imperial education rate.

It is stated that Lord Milner will leave for England on holiday after the conference at Bloemfontein in March.

At a meeting of loyalist Boers it has been resolved to form a separate Church owing to the attitude of the Dutch Reformed Church.

Soldiers are occupying the railway stations in Holland and are supplied with ball cartridge.

The protocol of the Powers provides that the Hague Arbitration Tribunal shall begin the hearing of the Venezuelan matter on September 1 next.

It came up in the form of a special case drawn up by consent of the parties—the Attorney-General of New South Wales and the Collector of Customs.

During argument it was stated that the question involved a sum of between £150,000 and £200,000 a year for New South Wales alone, and in the six States involved a revenue of about half a million. Argument is unfinished.

The Amalgamated Miners' Conference at Rutherglen, Victoria, has voted £25 to the Victorian Coal Miners' Association strike fund, and £1 per month towards the fund for engaging Mr. Tom Mann as labour organiser in Victoria.

As in Sydney the Melbourne banks have altered the rates of exchange for drafts on London by raising the selling premium and reducing the buying discount.

Sir George S. Clarke, Governor of Victoria, speaking at Romsey, referred to the attack made in London on Australian national finance.

A deputation representing country fire brigades asked the Premier yesterday to increase the grant from £1000 to £4000, at which sum it stood until the present year.

Sir John See promised to look into the matter and also promised to make the Amending Fire Brigades Bill one of the first measures of next session. He expressed a further opinion that country municipalities should contribute their quota towards fire brigades.

In response to the appeal made by the National Rifle Association for funds towards sending a rifle team to Bisley this year £286 has been collected and promised. This State's quota is £720.

Mr. Kidd, Minister for Agriculture, promised a deputation representative of the stock-owning interest yesterday that early next session he would have legislation introduced for the better prevention of stock thieving.

One of the speakers on the deputation said that during the last 10 or 12 weeks he had been robbed of stock to the value of £500.

The Court of Marine Inquiry took evidence yesterday respecting the Wakatipu-Eurimbla collision. Its judgment has been reserved until to-day.

A charcoal-burner at Parkes was shot dead on Wednesday evening by the explosion of a loaded rifle which was lying in his cart.

Bush fires were reported yesterday as raging in the hills a few miles south of Mudgee.

A difficulty has arisen in Albury as to the enforcement of dairy regulations in New South Wales in Victorian dairies.

Part of the Albury butter factory's cream comes from Victoria, and the New South Wales Board of Health says that the Victorian dairies must be registered here and the Victorian authorities asked whether they are conducted in compliance with the law.

It has been decided that the annual conference of the United Progress Associations shall be held in the Sydney Town Hall on April 14. The Premier has consented to open it.

The Bournewood Progress Association has decided to ask that a special price be placed on crows, as they are held responsible for many of the deaths among ewes during the drought.

Arrangements are being made in Victoria for holding a military encampment from Good Friday to Easter Monday.

At the District Court, Melbourne, the captain of the steamer Ajax was fined for allowing two Chinese to enter the State. The men had deserted from his ship.

Sir Frederick Darley, Chief Justice of New South Wales, has been granted an extra six months' leave of absence in order to enable him to continue his work in England as a member of the Boer War Commission.

Consideration was given yesterday at a meeting of the Commonwealth Cabinet to the method to be adopted in charging the rebates given to growers of sugar by white labour.

Sir Edmund Barton afterwards said the subject was so complicated that no decision was arrived at. He hinted that possibly fresh legislation would have to be sought on the question.

Until a New Guinea Act is passed by the Federal Parliament the Commonwealth Government can only nominate the officer. He must be appointed in England.

There are now 138 typhoid fever patients in the Coonamble Hospital, and seven deaths have occurred up to date. Locally it is thought the worst of the outbreak is past.

Co-operation was promised last night by the Sydney Labour Council with the licensed vanmen in an effort to induce the Government to amend the Sydney Traffic Act.

A discussion also took place on the recent Government estimate in connection with the joinery work on the Prince Alfred Hospital additions. A resolution was carried demanding a searching inquiry into the matter.

The Public Works Committee yesterday began the taking of evidence on the subject of carrying out works to complete the Camden Haven harbour works.

At a meeting of the heads of churches yesterday it was decided to ask the Government to set aside a day of humiliation and prayer on account of the drought.

Mr. Justice Hood, in Melbourne, delivered judgment yesterday on a special case stated by the Court of Marine Inquiry with reference to the charges against the master of the barque Inverlochy.

He held that the charges were properly laid, and that the Marine Inquiry Court had jurisdiction to deal with them.

The provisions of the new Fisheries Act, passed during last session of the State Parliament, come into force to-day.

Up to the present time 29,545 bags of seed wheat, containing 124,842 bushels, have been landed at Darling Harbour from Adelaide.

The balance of 200,000 bushels is now being handled at Adelaide in preparation for despatch here.

In the Railway Department there is a very great demand for trucks for carrying starving stock to new pastures, as well as for returning stock to home runs.

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Business, both wholesale and distributing, continued very quiet in the import market yesterday.

Breadstuffs were firmly held, with moderate sales on the basis of recent prices. Manitoba flour was very scarce, and there was inquiry for cargoes nearly due.

A fairly good range of business was recorded on the mining market. Western Australian companies were firmer, while Barrier silver stocks also had exchange at somewhat better figures.

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BUNDABERG	Mildura (cargo only), Saturday, noon, Feb. 28
GLADSTONE	Arawatta, Tuesday, 5 p.m., March 3
ROCKHAMPTON	Mildura (cargo only), Saturday, noon, Feb. 28 (Without transhipment.) Arawatta, Tuesday, 5 p.m., March 3
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14.0 Handicap, 5½ furlongs.
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy (No. 15,226).—Re LOUISA ADELINE GILLAM, Church-street, Newcastle, Married Woman.—NOTICE is hereby given that the First Meeting of Creditors in the above matter will be held at the office of the Official Assignee at Denman-chambers, Phillip-street, Sydney, on the 9th day of March, 1903, at three p.m. To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 5th day of March, 1903. ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. L. T. LLOYD, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Single Meeting of Creditors in the following matter will be held at the Court, Citizens-chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, on the 10th day of March, 1903, at 11 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit. To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 9th day of March, 1903. Re CECELIA BRIDGET PLASTO (No. 15,422), of Ryde, Married Woman; re RICHARD SMITH (No. 15,467), of 124 Oxford-street, Paddington; re SYDNEY EDWARD GREGORY and DAVID JAMES NOONAN (No. 15,447), of 170 Pitt-street, Sydney, Tobacconists and Sporting Goods Vendors; re ELIZA ANNIE RINGSTAD (No. 15,472), of 20 Moonbie-street, Summer Hill, Married Woman. ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. L. T. LLOYD, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Single Meeting of Creditors in the following matters will be held at the Court, Citizens-chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, on the 12th day of March, 1903, at 11 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit. To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 9th day of March, 1903. Re THOMAS CADDY (No. 15,420), of 63 Cleveland-street, Redfern; re EDWARD WHITE (No. 15,473), of Maryla-street, Burwood, Painter; re GEORGE EDMUND CULHANE (No. 15,476), of 67 Oxford-street, Waverley, Grocer; re HENRY MACLEAY LEVY (No. 15,479), of 2 Mansfield-street, Glebe Point, Tailor. ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. W. H. PALMER, Official Assignee. (4e-35)

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction (No. 17,254).—In the Estate, Goods, Chattels, Credits, and Effects of LIDDY ELIZABETH GRIFFIN, the Wife of FRANCIS HENRY GRIFFIN, of Limeburners' Creek, in the State of New South Wales, Freeholder, deceased, intestate.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Second Accounts and Plan of Distribution in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate or being otherwise interested therein are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the thirteenth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise, if the said Accounts be not objected to, the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. And Notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said Accounts by the Court commission will be applied for on behalf of the Administrator. Dated this 26th day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. JONES and JONES, Proctors for the Administrator, 33 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JAMES HICKEY, late of Never Never, Bellinger River, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to G. B. MOSMAN and WILLIAM BROWN, the Executors named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. E. W. CHIDLEY, Proctor, Bellingen. By his Agents, LAURENCE and MACDONALD, 122 Pitt-street.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction (No. 24,430).—In the Will of RODERICK M'AULAY, late of Lawrence, in the State of New South Wales, Labourer, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Executors' Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate or being otherwise interested therein are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the tenth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise, if the said Accounts be not objected to, the same will be examined by me and passed according to law; and Notice is hereby also given that on the allowance of the said Accounts by the Court commission will be applied for on behalf of the said Executor. Dated this twenty-sixth day of February, 1903. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. FOOTT, LAW, and CO., Proctors for the Executors, Grafton. By ICETON and FAITHFULL, their Agents, 88 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ELIZABETH DUFFY, late of Paddington, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Executors' first Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, King street, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate or being otherwise interested therein are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the nineteenth day of March next, at 11.45 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise, if the said Accounts be not objected to, the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. And Notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said Accounts by the Court commission will be applied for on behalf of the said Executor. Dated this twenty-sixth day of February, A.D. 1903. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. ABBOTT and ALLEN, Proctors for the Executor, 14 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of ALICE MARIA TYSON, late of Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, but formerly of Hay, in the said State (wife of PETER TYSON), deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Fourth Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate or being otherwise interested therein are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the twenty-second day of April next, at twelve o'clock noon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise, if the said Accounts be not objected to, the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. And Notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said Accounts by the Court commission will be applied for on behalf of the Trustees. Dated this twenty-sixth day of February, in the year 1903. T. W. GARRETT, Registrar. COPE and CO., Proctors for Trustees, 14 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of HENRY COX, late of 54 Lower Campbell-street, Surry Hills, in the State of New South Wales, Labourer, deceased.—Application will be made after 14 days from the publication hereof that Letters of Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JAMES COX and ROBERT COX, two of the Sons of the said deceased. All Creditors and other persons having claims against the Estate of the said deceased are requested to send in particulars of their claims at once to the undersigned, as it is intended to apply to dispense with the filing of the Administration Bond herein; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. AUBREY REDDALL, Proctor for the Administrators, 82 Pitt-street, Sydney.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN BROMHEAD, late of West Maitland, in the State of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to WILLIAM WELLS ROBINSON, the surviving Executor named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned, George-street, Singleton. WILLIAM WELLS ROBINSON, Proctor, George-street, Singleton. By his Agents, GOULD and SHAW, 121 Pitt-street, Sydney.

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FOR SALE, Wood and Coal Business, water frontage, leaving th'gh ill-h'lth. C. A. E., 112 Rowntree-st., Bal.

FRUIT, Conf., Greengrocery, Drinks, Registry Office, all new stock, rent 8s. 304 Parramatta-rd., L'chhardt.

STATIONERY and Fancy Goods, stock about £325, cash trade. S. Miller, 249 Parramatta-rd., Leichhardt.

STATIONERY BUS., must sell, £65 cash, value in stock alone. Inspection invited. 322 P'matta rd., P'sham.

FOR SALE, LODGING-HOUSE, 5 rooms and kitchen, rent 18s, always full. 352 Palmer-street. No agents.

HAIRDRESSING and Tobacconist Bus. for Sale, city, good stand, old est., sickness. A. B. C., Hmkt. P.O.

BUSINESSES Wanted.—Applications coming in constantly for sound investments. Persons wishing to sell please send particulars to JOHN S. GRAY, Central City Bus. Agency, 17 P.O.-Chs., Pitt-st., no sale, no charge.

WANTED, blocked News Agency, up to £150, Milson's Point or country. Black, Picton.

WANTED Purchase, sup. Boarding-house, Darlinghurst or N.S., pref. Particulars to A.M.X., Herald.

WANTED immed., Lodging-house, 5 or 6 r., any good sub. Price and partic. M'Carthy, 53 Hunter-st.

WANTED to Buy, Pastry and Conf. Business, dwelling, Market-st. and Hmkt. pref. A. F., Hmkt. P.O.

NOTE THE TERMS for TO-MORROW'S Sale, WAHROONGA. 1-5th deposit, balance 1, 2, 3, and 4 years, 5 per cent. HARDIE and GORMAN, Auctioneers.

PERSONAL.

ARTISTS and PAINTERS.—If you want best quality Goods, for lowest cost, buy from JAMES SANDY and CO., 271 and 330 George-street.

MARRIAGES LEGALLY SOLEMNISED by ORDAINED Ministers, duly GAZETTED as required by LAW. Any denomination. From 9 a.m. till 10 p.m. NO NOTICE necessary. Witnesses FREE. FEE £1, INCLUDING ALL EXPENSES. WORLD'S, 471 Pitt-street South, near Railway Station.

INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Offices, 31 Bent-street, Sydney. Minister, the Rev. GEORGE HAY. Marriage Fee, £1. Hours from 9 to 6. Witnesses free.

COOKE'S Detective Agency, 128 Phillip st., Sydney.—Testimonials from Judges, Magistrates, and Police.

ATTRACTIVE young Lady, 23, wishes Correspond Gent., good position, view Matrimony. Ethel, G.P.O.

BU-PLEX-ON, French Face Massage Glove, eradicates Wrinkles, Blemishes, potd. 2s 6d. Durant, 1440 G.P.O.

CORSETS made and REPAIRED, all styles, equal to new. W. Gover and Co., 13 Q. V. Markets, George-st.

F. H.—£25 rew. on conviction for information re anonymous letter from F. H., sent on 5th. E. P., G.P.O.

G. D.M.,—Return home at once, or write. Brasnaur.

GEORGE MIZON, Deceased.—If the Widow or Next-of-Kin of GEORGE MIZON, late of Denison-street, or Kenilworth-street, Waverley, Sydney, New South Wales, will communicate with Messrs. JAMES BOOTH and SONS, Solicitors, 2 Cooper-street, Manchester, England, she or they may hear of something to their advantage.

HAIR DESTROYED.—We absolutely guarantee to Permanently Destroy Superfluous Hair without pain or injury to the most delicate skin. Beware of worthless counterf. Write or call Parisian Drug Co., 8 Bond-st., Syd.

IF this should meet the eye of WILLIAM WALLACE, will he please communicate with the Secretary of the Phoenix Paint and Colour Co., Ltd.

JESS,—Don't forget to send the Newsletter; it has all the News and all the Chat. It is a penny, everywhere.

J. I. MARSHALL, Dentist, 28 Wynyard-square.

JOHN ANDREW ANGUS. The Heirs of JOHN ANDREW ANGUS, who resided at Coonamble, Australia, about the year 1873, are requested to communicate with JOHN, W., and G. LOCKHART, Solicitors, Ayr, Scotland.

LADIES.—Attend to-day's Health Lecture. See Amusements column. You will appreciate it!

MABEL BECKMANN.—Mother very ill. Wishes to see you.

MATRIMONY.—By a respectable Widow, 42, with 2 children, Position as Working Housekeeper to a working man, thoroughly trustworthy, with view of above. Open one week. Address Patience, Herald Office, city.

PRENTICE, late greengrocer, Marion-st., L'hardt.—Send address, your advantage, once. D., Herald, K.-st.

TOURIST Agency.—Firkins, 5 Moore-st. Booking office Melb., Adel., B. Hill, Bris. Tel., 2833. Est. 1893.

VERY Latest Silk Incandescent MANTLES, 6d ea., eclipse all others, try one; Incandescent Burner, Mantle, and Glass complete, 1s 11d. Half the gas and treble the light. Chimneys, 4d ea. ABRAHAM'S, 9 Strand.

WILL the persons who saw lady fall from Leichhardt tram on 13th January, please communicate with Mr. THOMPSON, Conveyancer, Moore-street.

WILL any Person knowing the whereabouts of Mr. NOAH SMITH, please communicate with his niece. Address Miss ALICE WILSON, Post-office, Fremantle, W.A.

TO-MORROW, AT WAHROONGA.
CHOICE RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS, 1 acre and over.
Lithos. from HARDIE and GORMAN, Auctioneers.

AUCTION SALES.

INGLIS AND SON'S HORSE BAZAAR.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 a.m. sharp, Vans, Springcarts, Horses and Harness, Draught Horses, Tipdrays, Horses and Harness. Horses and Vehicles of every description. Specially advertised. Tel., 1391.

2 FIRST-CLASS SULKY TURNOUTS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. Joe M'Grath to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., 2 superior Pony Sulky Turnouts, in good order.

BROUGHAM CAB TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Bay Gelding, staunch and reliable; Brougham Cab (No. 558); with License and Harness, in splendid condition.

PAGNEL CART AND HARNESS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., A first-class Pagnel Cart and Harness, both in tip-top order.

STYLISH SYLPH SULKY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. W. C. Green to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., A neat Sylph Sulky (by Moore and Son).

2 DR. HORSES FROM WINDSOR.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. D. Rutter, Windsor, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Brown Heavy Draught Gelding, 5 years, and Bay Draught Mare, both grand workers and subject to trial.

UPSTANDING HARNESS HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. W. Langer to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Bay Gelding, 16 hands, broken to saddle and harness, very active, would suit a van.

HARNESS MARE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Brown Mare, quiet and reliable in saddle and harness, suit a sulky or buggy.

SADDLE AND HARNESS PONY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Messrs. Keen Bros., to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Chestnut Pony, 13 hands, a splendid goer, and thoroughly quiet in saddle and harness.

WELL-BRED MARE FROM GRAFTON.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. H. Holmes, Grafton, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Creamy Mare, 6 yrs., by Muscat, perfectly quiet in saddle and harness.

CRITERION THEATRE.

SOLE LESSEE .... Mr. JOHN F. SHERIDAN.
Manager .... Mr. Frank Weathersby.
STILL THE TOPIC OF SYDNEY.
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BRIGHT MUSIC.
PRETTY SONGS.
The Charming Sketch,
WHO'S DOT KNOCKIN' ON THE OWDSIDE GADE?
Mr. SHERIDAN as Mrs. HOLBEIN GRETCHEN.
The Astounding Change from OLD AGE TO YOUNG.
LAST MATINEE WED. NEXT, at 2.
Prices, 3s, 2s, 1s 6d, and 1s. BOX PLAN and DAY SALE at White Rose Confectionery, Royal Arcade, 269 Pitt-street. Early Doors 7, ordinary 7.30, start 8. Carriages 10.40.

MISS Daisy Merritt can't be surpassed for teaching Step, Fancy Dancing. Equitable-cham., op. Criterion.

GREAT VALUE.—SERGE SAC SUITS to order, 63s. HOWES and HOWES, Pitt-st., next Market-st.

TO-MORROW, AT WAHROONGA.
CHOICE RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS, 1 acre and over.
Lithos. from HARDIE and GORMAN, Auctioneers.

AUCTION SALES.

4 LIGHT HORSES AND DR. GELDING.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
3 first-class Horses, 5 and 6 yrs., fast and reliable in harness, 1 useful Spring Cart Horse, and 1 Heavy Draught Gelding, trials given.

TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
GOLDEN RAY, chestnut filly, 2 yrs., 14.2 (half-sister to Sir Leonard), unraced.
PETREL, chestnut mare, 14.3, a well-known performer. Pedigree and performances at sale.

ELLIS and CO. will sell by auction, at their yards, Quay-street, off George-street South, THIS DAY, at one o'clock, Fat Vealers, Porkers, Baconers, Store Pigs, Suckers, Roll and Keg Butter, Honey, Lard, Eggs, Bacon, Cheese, Fruit, Poultry of every description, Pigeons, Birds, Game, &c., 60 cwt. choice Hand-cured Bacon.

R. F. MURPHY AND CO. will sell by auction at THEIR SALEROOM AND YARDS, Thomas-street, Haymarket, THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m., Sucking Pigs, Poultry, Eggs, Honey, &c.

C. J. TURNER will sell, at his Rooms, the Poultry Farmers' Exchange, Valentine-street, Haymarket, at 1.30, THIS DAY, Poultry, Eggs, Suckers, &c.

PRODUCE SALES.

SALES BY AUCTION will be held TO-DAY by the Australasian Mortgage and Agency Co., Ltd.; John Bridge and Co., Ltd.; Dalgety and Co., Ltd.; Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd.; Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.; Hill, Clark, and Co.; Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd.; Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., as under:—
SHEEPSKINS.—At the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, at 10.30 a.m.
HIDES.—At 2 p.m.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY, Limited, will sell by auction, THIS DAY, at the Wool Saleroom, Macquarie-place, at 10.30, Tallow.
And at 1 o'clock,
Hides.

THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY CO., Ltd., will sell by public auction, at the Royal Exchange, Bridge-street, THIS DAY, Friday,
At 10.30 a.m., Sheepskins.
At 1.30 p.m., Hides.

GEORGE H. Moxham and Co. sell by auction, This Day, at Wool Exchange, Sheepskins, 11; Hides, 1.30 p.m.

THIS DAY,
FRIDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1903,
at 11 o'clock.
HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION.
AT THE MART, 199 PITT-STREET.
SUPERB COLLECTION OF ART CHINA, specially selected at the Dresden and Royal Austrian Potteries.
CHOICE EXAMPLES IN CAPO DE MONTI.
RARE DRESDEN CLOCKS.
VALUABLE DRESDEN PLAQUES, exquisitely painted.
HANDSOME SPECIMEN CUPS and SAUCERS
LOVING-CUPS
DRESDEN LACE FIGURES and STATUETTES
FINE DRESDEN CANDELABRA, 5 and 7 LIGHT
DRESDEN TRINKET SETS, HANDSOMELY PAINTED, in CASES
LOVELY COMPORTS and TABLE CENTRES
ARTISTIC VASES and EPERGNES, with FLOWERS and FIGURES in relief
ELEGANT CAPO DE MONTI VASES, JUGS and BOWLS
BEAUTIFUL ETRUSCAN EWERS and VASES.
GRAND DINNER SERVICES
AFTERNOON and TETE-A-TETE TEA SETS
DECORATED TERRA COTTA STATUETTES and BUSTS
COLLECTION of PICTURES, various subjects Etchings, Water Colours, and Pastels
ART TAPESTRY CURTAINS, in exquisite colourings
FOURFOLD SCREENS, richly embroidered.
. The Auctioneers desire to call the attention of Collectors and Connoisseurs to this rare collection of Ceramic Art.

S. H. HARRIS AND COMPANY, late HENRY HARRIS and COMPANY, will sell the above, at the MART, 199 PITT-STREET, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 11 o'clock.

BOOTS AND SHOES BOOTS AND SHOES.
TO THE BOOT TRADE, COUNTRY BUYERS, DEALERS, AND OTHERS.
UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION.
AT THE ROOMS, 12 BARRACK-STREET.
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, at 11 o'clock sharp.
Under instructions from L. T. LLOYD, Esq., OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE IN THE BANKRUPT ESTATE of D. CORONNO, trading as F. JAMES, CROWN-STREET, WOLLONGONG.
THE WHOLE OF THE STOCK of MEN'S, WOMEN'S, and CHILDREN'S BOOTS AND SHOES, BOOTS AND SHOES.
Removed to Rooms for Sale.
As per Stocksheets,
£375.
MEN'S, WOMEN'S, and CHILDREN'S BOOTS AND SHOES, BOOTS AND SHOES.
ENGLISH, AMERICAN, and COLONIAL MANUFACTURE.

A. TRAVERSI AND CO. will sell as above at their Rooms, 12 Barrack-street, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, February 27, at 11 o'clock sharp, WITHOUT RESERVE.

AT OUR SALEROOM, 18 BRIDGE-STREET.
THIS DAY,
FRIDAY, 27th FEB., at 2.30 p.m. sharp.
Under instructions from
Messrs. GIBBS, BRIGHT, and CO.
Messrs. GOLLIN and CO. PROPTY., Ltd., and
Messrs. BROWN and CO.
485 PACKAGES CEYLON TEA
(now landing ex Oceana, &c.)
Also, under instructions from
Messrs. DEACON and CO., &c.,
210 PACKAGES INDIAN TEA.

H. W. CAREY AND CO., TEA BROKERS, &c., Queensland Offices, 18 Bridge-street, Sydney. SAMPLES "on show" and CATALOGUES at OUR SALEROOM as above.

THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.
HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION on the Premises, 170 GEORGE-STREET WEST.
SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and APPOINTMENTS.
Handsome Bedroom Suite, Brass-mtd. Bedsteads
Dining and Drawing Room Suites, Carpet Squares
Cedar and Pine Chests of Drawers
Enc. Dresser, Austrian and Cane Furniture, Washstands and Wares, Cots, Tables, Safes, Crockery, Pictures
Ornaments, Kitchen and Laundry Requisites.
Also,
First class AMERICAN ORGAN, PIANO by Chappell
TYPEWRITING MACHINE, &c.

HOPKINS, ABBOTT, and CO. have received instructions to sell as above. Absolutely No Reserve.
N.B.—To Parties Furnishing, the Trade, &c., this is a first-class opportunity for bargains. All lines in first-class order.

THIS DAY.

JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street,
The Unredeemed Pledges pawned with Mr. J. Selig, of King-street, Newtown.
At 11 o'clock: Clothing, Boots, Blankets, &c.
At 3.30 o'clock: Sundries and Jewellery.

MINTO.
On Premises known as The Crescent,
TO-DAY at 3.15 p.m.
Sale by Auction of Household FURNITURE and Effects, Horses, Cattle, Farm Implements, Vehicles, &c.

J. H. HAWKEN will sell, as above, Without Reserve.

THIS DAY, at 2 sharp.

MIDDLETON and CO. sell by auction, at Hay and George streets, Haymarket, large quantity good Linen, Quilts, Blankets, Bedding, Ladies' Dresses, Underclothing, Boots, Shoes, Men's Clothing, Children's Dresses, Drapery, Bedsteads, Furniture, &c. NO RESERVE.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.
TRADE SALE, 25 BEDSTEADS.
2 feet 6, 3 feet 6, 4 feet 6.
These BEDSTEADS have been thoroughly renovated by an Experienced Firm, are equal to NEW. Fitted with BRASS Rails, Knobs, Caps, Hubs, &c. Now on view, and for Absolute Auction Sale by J. GIDLEY FLEMING and SONS, at their Sale Rooms, 247 Pitt-street.

THIS DAY, 11 o'clock.

JOHN M. CANTY will sell at 62 George-street West, Confectionery and Grocery Business. Will be submitted in one line as a going concern.

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COVERING FOR BOILERS.

The use of ASBESTOS BOILER COVERING means coal economy and money-saving all the time it is used.

1cwt. of Dry Covering covers 20 square feet 2 inches thick.
1cwt. of Wet Covering covers 10 square feet 2 inches thick.

Packed Wet, ready for use in 3cwt. casks, 7s, 8s, 9s per cwt.
Packed Dry, in bags each 1cwt., 12s, 14s, 16s cwt.

PERDRIAU AND COMPANY,

270 GEORGE-STREET (between Hunter and Bond streets).

AUCTION SALES.

IN THE ESTATE OF A. G. M. FRIEND, Deceased.
By order of
Messrs. LEE, COLQUHOUN, and BASSETT,
Solicitors in the Estate,
and
ON ACCOUNT OF NUMEROUS PRIVATE INTERESTS.
HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION.
TO BE HELD AT THE SALEROOMS OF
LAWSON, CARO, AND CO., LTD.,
128, 130 PITT-STREET, near King-street,
THIS DAY, FRIDAY,
27th FEBRUARY, at 11 O'CLOCK A.M.
HIGHLY SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE
and
VALUABLE APPOINTMENTS,
including
COSTLY TABLE APPOINTMENTS
in Glass, China, and Electroplate.
HANDSOME DINING-ROOM FURNITURE, consisting of Several Boldly Designed Sideboards, Telescope Dining Tables, Open and Enclosed Dinner Waggons and Upholstered Suites.
ELEGANT OVERMANTELS.
ROYAL AXMINSTER AND BRUSSELS CARPETS.
THREE LARGE ASH TABLES with Inlaid Tops.
SEVERAL BOOKCASES, constructed for recesses.
REVOLVING BOOKSTAND, fitted with 16 drawers.
THREE TYPEWRITERS, Yost, Barlock, and New Century, all in perfect order.
EDISON'S HOME PHONOGRAPH, with 24 Records.
GRAPHOPHONE with 16 Records, and GRAMAPHONE with 11 Discs.
TWO MANTELPIECES WITH MANTEL FITMENT.
HANDSOME DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE
and
COSTLY APPOINTMENTS,
including Occasional Suites, Card and Occasional Tables, Reception and Occasional Chairs.
CHOICE ORNAMENTS, VALUABLE PICTURES.
PIANOFORTES.
SEVERAL VALUABLE NEW and SECOND-HAND INSTRUMENTS by the first makers, including Collard and Collard, Broadwood and Son, Three Bords, Chappell, Cadby, Rosener, Hapsburg, Excelsior, Spinnagel, and others.
SEVERAL HANDSOME BEDROOM SUITES, including
A VERY FINE SOLID ASH SUITE, consisting of large 7ft. Wardrobe, Pair of 4ft. 6in. Toilets, and Three Chairs.
MAHOGANY CHIPPENDALE SUITE.
SOLID WALNUT SUITE.
MASSIVE BEDSTEADS, Double and Single, with Bedding complete.
THREE SEWING MACHINES, Singer's, New International, and New Home, all in perfect order, with fittings complete.
MILNER'S FIREPROOF SAFE, large size, inside measurement 42 inches high, 22 inches deep, and 27 inches wide.
COMPLETE REQUISITES FOR KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY, &c., &c., &c.
☞ THESE VALUABLE EFFECTS ARE NOW ON VIEW.

JAMES R. LAWSON, AUCTIONEER, LAWSON, CARO, and CO., Ltd., has been favoured with instructions to conduct the important sale by auction, AT THE ROOMS, 128, 130 PITT-STREET, as above,
WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

TO PARTIES FURNISHING, PROPRIETORS OF BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS, and the Trade.
THIS DAY, FRIDAY,
27th FEBRUARY, at 11 a.m.
On the Premises,
417 PITT-STREET, near Goulburn-street, opposite People's Palace.
A GENUINE
UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION
of
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS,
Removed from
Roberts-street, Camperdown
Boundary-street, Paddington
Ocean-street, Woollahra
Parramatta-road, Petersham.
Under instructions from the actual owners.
Carpets, Floorcloth, Linoleum, Mats, Poles and Curtains
DRAWING ROOM SUITE, Tapestry and Plush on Solid Italian Walnut Frames
Three other Drawing Room Suites
SOLID WALNUT OVERMANTEL, bev. glass
Choice Pictures, Ornaments, 2 Marble Clocks
Sideboards, in Cedar and Stained Walnut
TWO GOOD DINNER SERVICES, Tea Set Glassware
Dining Tables, 4 x 3, 5 x 3ft. 6in., and 6 x 3ft. 6in.
Austrian Chairs, Dexter Rocker, Rattan Chairs
Occasional Tables, Whatnots, Bamboo Screen
Lamps, Table Covers, Curtain Bands and Chains
A VERY FINE DRAWING-ROOM SUITE of 9 pieces, Austrian Bentwood, worth seeing
Also an Austrian Settee and Four Chairs
HANDSOME DOUBLE BEDSTEADS and wire Mattress
Five Good Single Bedsteads, wires and Bedding
A VERY HANDSOME 5ft. 6in. HALF-TESTER BEDSTEAD, fitted with raised end wire Mattress and best quality curled horsehair (Farmer and Co.)
TWO REALLY FIRST-CLASS BEDROOM SUITES
Combination Chests, Toilet Pairs, M. T. Washstands
Toilet Ware, Sheets, Blankets, Quilts, and Curtains
FOUR GOOD KITCHEN DRESSERS, Kit. Tables
A very large Assortment of Kitchen Utensils, Garden Tools, and Miscellaneous Furniture.
☞ The Auctioneer desires to direct the attention of Buyers to the fact that everything MUST BE SOLD, as Vendors are leaving Sydney.
. EVERYTHING IS IN FIRST-CLASS CONDITION.

HOWE and CO.,
HENRY W. BROOK,
Auctioneer, will conduct this sale
THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.

Important Announcement to Residents Waterloo, Alexandria, Botany, Redfern, Erskineville, St. Peters, Newtown, and surrounding districts.
MONSTER SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION.
HIGH-CLASS BUILDING MATERIALS.
TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, FEB. 28th, 2.30 p.m. sharp.
Over 450 LOTS of A1 quality.
Demolition of Large Galvanised Iron Shed, 200ft. long, 50ft. wide, together with the Materials of 4 Houses, and will be sold on the site,
RENWICK-STREET, near MONK'S VINEGAR WORKS, ALEXANDRIA.
☞ 600 SHEETS Galvanised Iron, 5 to 10 ft. lengths
350 Hardwood Joists of 6 x 2½, from 11ft. to 24ft.
Strong Posts, H'wood, 6 x 6, 24ft. lengths
2000 9 x 3, 9 x 4, Oregon and Hardwood
6000ft. 4 x 2½, 4 x 3, 3 x 2, H'wood and Oregon
9 x 3 Oregon Plates, Varnished and Champhered
5000ft. Flooring Boards, 4in. to 6in.
4 Handsome Box Frames and Sashes, Stained Glass
10 Windows, 20 Panel and Ledge Doors, Louvre Doors
2000ft. 4in. and 6in. Lining Boards, 3000ft. Battens
Architraves, Skirtings, Moulding, 500ft. Water, Gas Piping
5 400-gal. Ship's Tanks; 500 Pickets, 40 Rod Posts and Rails
7 Kauri Pine Seats, suitable for mission hall
5000 French Tiles, REVOLVING SHUTTER 14ft. x 10ft. 6in., used at tramway waiting-room, in excellent order, cost £27 10s.

BARNETT AND CO. have received instructions to sell, as above, ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

TO BLACKSMITHS, IRONFOUNDERS, and DEALERS.
IMPORTANT UNRESERVED SALE.
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27th, at 11 O'CLOCK.
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and Effects, comprising Chest Drawers, Beds and Bedding, Oilcloth, Pictures, first-class Linoleum, Tables, Chairs, Crockery, &c., &c., two Blacksmith's Forges, two Anvils (nearly new), Blacksmith Tools, Drills, Vices, Hammers, &c., two full sized Blacksmith Bellows (best make), large quantity of Horseshoes (made up ready), Portable Office (10 x 8, weatherboard sides, iron roof, with doors and window, nearly new), set Sulky Harness, Saddle and Bridle, large quantity of miscellaneous Tools and Goods.
The Whole for Positive Sale.
Also Complete Set Double Harness, equal to new.

SMITH and BAINES have received instructions to sell every line to Highest Bid.
SALE THIS DAY on the PREMISES, at 11 o'clock, No. 146 Kent-street, Sydney, opp. Gasworks.

TO Private Buyers, Parties Building, and others.—Saturday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, Parramatta-road, Leichhardt, opp. the F. Society Dispensary. SMITH and BAINES will sell Quantity of TIMBER.

THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON,
By Public Auction,
on the premises,
687-689 GEORGE-STREET, HAYMARKET.
The FURNITURE, PIANO, AND EFFECTS, removed from No. 4 Albion-street, under instructions from the owner.

E. HEBDEN BRODRIBB will sell as above. NO RESERVE.

AUCTION SALE.
THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock,
On the PREMISES, YORK and MARKET STREETS.
FINAL CLEARANCE SALE.
PLATEGLASS SHOP FRONT
200 Sheets Galv. Iron, 5 to 8 ft.
2000ft. 6in. x 1in. T. and G. H'wd
6 to 9 x ½ Lining
1000 Slates, suit Dampcourse
3-57 12 x 12 I. Bark Girders
Large Quantity of Dimension Stone
Ditto Ditto Dressed Basecourse
20 Sets FRAMED OREGON PRINCIPALS, 20ft. span 5in. x 3in. H. Wood, &c., &c.

JAMES COWAN will conduct the above AUCTION SALE. TERMS, CASH. NO RESERVE.

MOUNTAIN AIR at WAHROONGA.
ATTEND TO-MORROW'S SALE.
Lithos from HARDIE and GORMAN.

AUCTION SALES.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY.

ORDER OF SALE
CITY and SUBURBAN PROPERTIES
to be
SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION,
at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m.,
THIS DAY, FRIDAY.

DARLINGHURST.—Residence, "Jesmond," No. 199 Darlinghurst-road, nearly opposite St. John's Church.

SURRY HILLS.—House, No. 469 Riley-street, between Adelaide and Devonshire streets. Executors' Sale.

DITTO.—Two Houses, Nos. 15 and 17 Corben-street, between Foveaux and Fitzroy streets. Executors' Sale.

ELIZABETH BAY.—Water-frontage Residence and Grounds, "Macleay House," Billyard-avenue, Leasehold.

REDFERN.—Corner Block Land, Redfern and Castlereagh streets, together with Shop, No. 88 Castlereagh-street, thereon, opposite Redfern Park and "White's." Freehold. Executors' Sale.

DARLINGTON.—Shop and Two Houses, Nos. 26 to 30 Cleveland-street, corner of Shepherd-street. Executors' Sale.

NEWTOWN.—Premises, Nos. 11A, 13, 15, and 15A King-street, opposite Forbes-street; and Three Houses, Nos. 121 to 125 Campbell-street. Executors' Sale.

BONDI.—Cottage, Tamarama-street, occupied by Mr. Sherwin.

NORTH ANNANDALE.—House, corner of Young and Piper streets. Mortgagee's Sale.

DITTO.—Two Cottages and Shop, corner of Young and Albion streets. Mortgagee's Sale.

DULWICH HILL.—Cottage, "Sunnylawn," George-street, between Livingstone and Wardell roads. Mortgagee's Sale.

BALMAIN WEST.—Two Cottages, Boulevard and Carrington-street. Orange Grove Estate, close to Balmain-road.

MOSMAN'S.—Allotment, Military-road, next Roseville Cottage, Bonnie View Estate.

CHATSWOOD.—Cottage, Devonshire-street, just off Albert-avenue. Mortgagee's Sale.

BURWOOD.—Allotments, Railway-crescent and Cavilla-street, Burwood House Estate.

FLEMINGTON.—Cottage and Land, Marlborough-road. Mortgagee's Sale.

ROOKWOOD.—Block, 4ac. 3r. 32½p., fronting Nottinghill and Fewings roads.

ARNCLIFFE.—Two Cottages, Denison-street, Arncliffe Estate, close to station.

CARLINGFORD.—Block of 11ac. 1r. 10p., on road off Pennant Hills-road. Mortgagee's Sale.

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EXCELLENT RESIDENTIAL SITE, FRONTING GORDON-ROAD and ANOTHER ROAD, 251 x 200 ft., will be offered in one or 2 lots. AUCTION SALE, in the ROOMS, THURSDAY, 5th March, at 11.30.
HUGH DUFF and CO., Auctioneers, 293 George-street.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

SAVINGS BANK of NEW SOUTH WALES.

The ATTENTION of DEPOSITORS in this Bank is particularly directed to the 11th section of the Regulations, viz.:—

"Each Depositor shall, in the month of February in each year, produce, or cause to be produced, his or her Passbook at the proper office of the Savings Bank for the purpose of being inspected, examined, and verified with the books of the said Savings Bank in such manner and on such day or days as shall be for that purpose named and appointed, in and by any notice which the said Trustees shall cause to be published in the local papers."

In pursuance of this Resolution, the Trustees have appointed from the 16th to 28th FEBRUARY INCLUSIVE during the usual office hours, at the Head Office, in Barrack-street, and also at the Southern Branch Office, No. 808 George-street South, as the times and places when and where Passbooks may be presented for the purposes indicated.

GEORGE R. DIBBS,
Managing Trustee.
February 16th, 1903.

SPECIAL CAUTION.—STEARINE CANDLES OF THE STEARINE CANDLE MANUFACTURING CO., "APOLLO," IN SCHIEDAM, HOLLAND.
The Directors of the Company give notice to the trade that owing to the spurious imitations of their brand, the Candles for the Australian and New Zealand markets will in future simply bear on their usual labels the name "SCHIEDAM." They obtained—The MEDAL of MERIT at Vienna, 1873; the GOLD MEDAL at PARIS, 1878; the GOLD MEDAL at AMSTERDAM, 1883; the DIPLOMA D'HONNEUR (highest award) at Antwerp, 1885; and the GRAND PRIX (highest award) at Paris, 1900.

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA AND CHINA TELEGRAPH COMPANY.
The OFFICES in GIBBS-CHAMBERS, 7 MOORE-STREET, are connected by Special Wire with the Cable Station, Adelaide, and messages are now accepted from the public for direct transmission to Europe, Asia, Africa, and America.
Telegrams for this Company's Cables are also received at all Government Telegraph Offices, but should be marked "VIA EASTERN." This indication is not charged for.
Offices open day and night. Telegram forms can be had on application.

SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN MASTER BAKERS' ASSOCIATION.
At a Meeting of the Committee of Management of the above Association, held on Thursday, the 26th instant, it was unanimously decided to advance the price of bread ½d per 2lb. loaf on and after MONDAY NEXT, March 2nd.
This will bring the price up to 3½d per loaf.
H. C. HILLIARD, Secretary.

SUNLIGHT GOLD M. CO., HILLGROVE.—I desire to THANK those Shareholders who sent their Proxies to me and secured my election to the Board of Directors.
W. H. CHARD, Wool Broker, Sydney.

ALWAYS Remember that LOMBARDIA is the Surest and Best Remedy on the Market, as it Cures the Worst Cases of PILES. Give it a trial.

WATCHES CLEANED, 2s; best English Mainspring, 2s; Repairs guaranteed one year. NOLAN, TIME, and CO., 702 George-street, Haymarket.

JEWELLERY.—Hall-marked and High-grade Watches from leading firm of importers now obtainable on the "London Times" novel plan of easy paymts. Write particulars. British Imperial Goldsmiths, Gibbs-chbs., 7 Moore-street.

THE WARDROOM OFFICERS of H.M.S. TORCH will not be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS whatsoever contracted by their Steward after this notice.

ALL Persons having any CLAIMS against the WARDROOM MESS of H.M.S. TORCH are requested to send them to the Mess President without delay.

CORSETS made and REPAIRED, all styles, equal to new. W. Gover and Co., 13 Q. V. Markets, George-st.

ENVELOPES, 2s per 1000. Phillips, stationer, 2 Market-st., near Elizabeth-st.

J. H. ADGER, the only Scalp and Hair Clinic. Advice and remedy, 10s 6d. 48 Castlereagh-st. Tel. [illegible]

TUTTON'S Tourist Agency, 168 Pitt-st., opp. G.P.O.; 18 Queen's-walk, Melb.; and 61 Queen-st., Brisbane.

GENTLEMEN, send us your RAZORS to be sharpened. Craig and Aitken.

WM. GOODMAN, 127 King-st., Agent A.M.P. LIFE OFFICE. Calls on Intending Assurers, day or evng.

LOST AND FOUND.

AN Irish TERRIER Lost Wednesday. Good Reward return or information detainer. 50 Marriott-st., Rd.

LOST, in Elizabeth-st., 26th, Gold Bar BROOCH, diamond and sapphire. Finder rewarded, 31 York-st.

LOST, Gold BANGLE, city, tram, or Darling Point, reward. Barnett, Ranelagh, Darling Point.

LOST, Leather PURSE, cntg. 2 sovs. and silver, bet. Dymock's, Fitwell's. Rew., Leonardsville, Ithaca-rd.

LOST, Brown DACHSHUND DOG. reward. Currey, 236 Edgecliff rd., Woollahra.

LOST, Wed. afternoon, Strathf., Lady's Black BAG, purse, specs., &c., rew. Uangara, Cooper-st., Strathf.

LOST, Ocean-st., Wm.-st., grey lizard-skin Cardcase. Rew. Mrs. Hinder, Carlston, Lloyd-rd., Summer Hill.

LOST, a White COCKATOO, ring on leg, reward. Friend-in-Hand Hotel, Cowper-st., Glebe.

LOST, February 25, city, Lady's Gold-mounted PURSE; good reward. X. Z., Herald.

LOST, Pearl and Amethyst Star PENDANT; reward. W. Broomfield, 52 Sussex-st.

LOST, Crescent Brooch (emerald and pearls), bet. Domain and Fort-st. Rew. Cruickshank, news a., Bondi.

LOST, Irish Terrier SLUT, detainer prosecuted. Alb. Hotel, nr. Battle Bridge, Parramatta-rd., L'sham.

LOST, Gold Cable BRACELET, between Burwood Station and Clarence-st., reward. Apply Murray and Co.

LOST, small DOG, White and Tan, sore on back, reward. 20 Carrington-st., Lewisham.

LOST, betw. Croydon station and Redfern, Gold Lady Bell Brooch. Rew., Hudson, Boundary-st., Croydon.

LOST, Wednesday night, Wedding RING, Denison-st., L'sham, rew. C. A. Pidcock, Zenno, Eltham-st., Lsm.

LOST, Portion Pearl NECKLET, with pendant, lib. reward. S. W. Mutton, c.o. H. Bull, 50 York-st.

LOST, the Morning Headache, now that I stick to DICKEN'S WHISKY.

LOST, between Chatswood and Annandale, Tuesday afternoon, Gold Necklet CHAIN. Reward at H. MATTHEWS, Railway-street, Chatswood.

LOST, Thursday, Silver Chain PURSE, containing small change. Reward on returning to GOLLIN and CO., 50 Clarence-street, city.

OLD METAL.—LOST, in December last, two Gun-metal GEAR WHEELS, with 41 teeth, stamped on face 41,392; two Gun-metal Gear Wheels, with 37 teeth, stamped on face 37,392. Any information concerning them would be thankfully received and payment made for trouble. Address Gear Wheel, S.M. Herald Office.

REWARD.—Lost, Albert-st., Lady's Velvet Bag, cntg. gold specs., &c. Urangara, Cooper-st., Strathfield.

REWARD.—Lost, Thursday afternoon, between Newtown and Enmore, a Pup Dog. 4 Phillip-st., Enm.

REWARD.—Lost, in train or Redfern Station, Season Rl. Ret. Ticket to Maitland, C. T. F., P.O., Botany.

REWARD 10s.—LOST by poor widow woman, PURSE, containing money, between Bathurst-street, city, and Johnston-street, Annandale, in Leichhardt tram, or along the road. Apply News Agent, 107 Flinders-st., Moore Pk.

STRAYED from Groenknowe, Macleay-st., Potts Point, an Irish Terrier, name Ginger. Reward on returning.

THURSDAY, 19th, Pearl and Turquoise Star BROOCH. £1 Reward. Armstrong and Co., 8 O'Connell-st.

FOUND stray Sheep. Owner can have by applying W. H. Pooley, Centennial-st., Marrickville, and paying exs.

FOUND, Brisb. mail, Keys, matchbox, [illegible] J. Meyers, Boot Dept., Paterson, Laing, Bruce.

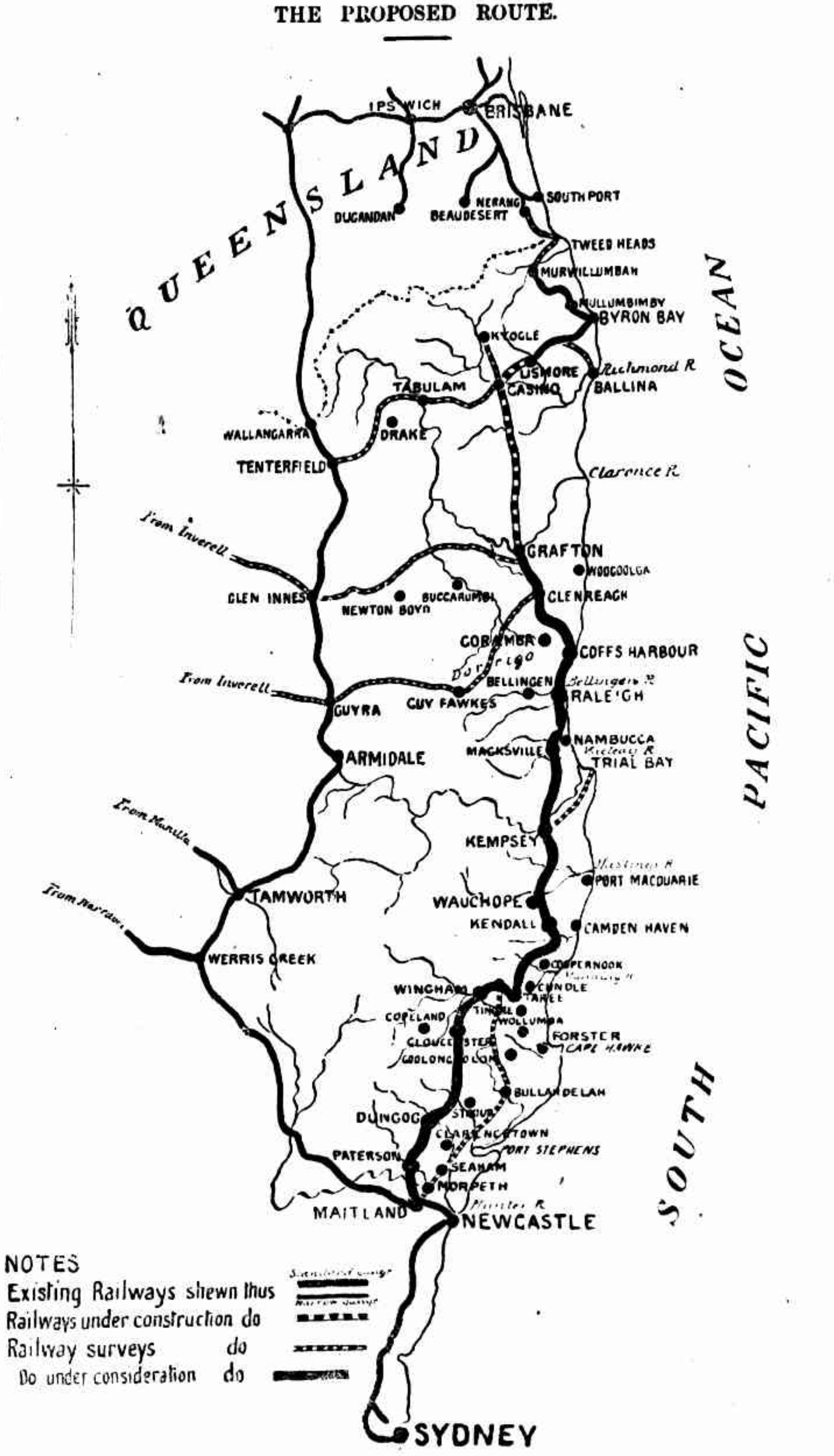
IN Marrickville Pound.—Dark-bay MARE, [illegible] shoulder, wart on neck, rat tail.

IN Ashfield Pound, Dark Brown MARE, Star, [illegible] near shoulder (in foal).

MOUNTAIN AIR at WAHROONGA.
ATTEND TO-MORROW'S SALE.
Lithos from HARDIE and GORMAN.

NORTH COAST RAILWAY.

THE PROPOSED ROUTE.



The above map illustrates the route of the proposed North Coast Railway—from Maitland to South Grafton. In his evidence before the Public Works Committee Mr. J. Davis stated that the length of the proposed line is 310 miles 58 chains, and the estimated cost £2,650,820, or £8531 per mile, exclusive of land and compensation. This line begins by a junction with the Great Northern Railway at 20 miles 47·24 chains from Newcastle, and about half a mile north of West Maitland station. Proceeding northerly it crosses the Hunter River about four miles from the junction, and follows up the Paterson River valley, crossing that river at the township of the same name. From here the northerly course is maintained to about 40 miles from Newcastle, in the parish of Fingal, where the direction becomes north-easterly, and after passing over the Wallaroba Range, Dungog is reached. Here the Williams River is crossed, and between 59 and 60 miles from Newcastle the Monkerai Range is surmounted, the north-easterly direction being continued generally to the Karuah River. From the crossing of this river the direction is almost due north to 96 miles, through Avon Station, and down the Avon Creek and Gloucester River, passing the township of Gloucester. The descent along the Gloucester River is continued to near its junction with the Manning River, and after crossing the latter at about 112 miles from Newcastle its northern side is followed through the townships of Wingham and Taree, and passing to the west of Chatham and Cundle, a north-easterly course takes it across Dawson and Lansdowne Rivers, and following down the northern valley of the latter easterly past Coopernook, it bends north-easterly and crosses Stewart's River, skirts the western shore of Watson Taylor Lake, and turning to the left it follows the southern bank of Camden Haven River westerly and northerly. The latter direction takes it across that river, also Heron's Creek, Narran, Hastings (at Wauchope) and Wilson Rivers. Kempsey is then reached, and the Macleay River crossed. About 15 miles beyond the watershed is crossed, and the descent is made to the valley of Warrell Creek, and onwards to the crossing of the Nambucca River at its confluence with Bowra River and Taylor's Arm at Wilson. Thence a generally north bearing carries the proposed route past Nambucca, and in close proximity to the coast, and curving slightly to the west it crosses both arms of the Bellinger River, and passes through Raleigh and Repton. It then proceeds across several creeks to Coff's Harbour. Here a short branch goes eastward to the jetty. The main line, after traversing the coast for about six miles, turns sharp to the west, and descends the Bucka Bucka Creek and Orara River valleys past Glenreagh, to the crossing of Dundoo Creek. Thence a north-westerly course brings the line to the southern bank of the Clarence River at South Grafton, where it ends at 331 miles 25·24 chains from Newcastle.

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

At Randwick yesterday morning the middle grass track was closed, and the D grass track, which has had a long rest, was at the disposal of trainers. No Name began the business of the day with six furlongs in 1m. 21½s. Fanfare ran a mile comfortably in 1m. 54s., and Skein Dhu knocked off seven furlongs takingly in 1m. 35½s. Devilment and La Sommer were associated over six furlongs, which they left behind nicely in 1m. 22s., and Equator ran nine in 2m. 7s. Torchon had all the best of a set-to with Happy Days and Ariana over nine furlongs, which she ran in 2m. 7s., and Fungus ran five in 1m. 9s., but Lovelawn left a similar distance behind in 1m. 7½s. Sequence had more to say than Lockhart over a mile, run in 1m. 53s., and Smith badly beat Isis and Clangour over a mile. With a very light weight up Lego ran six furlongs in 1m. 20½s., and Beaulieur placed a mile to his credit in 1m. 51s. At the finish of a mile run in 1m. 48s. Incision was a length in front of Marathon and six in advance of Steelbusk, and Bother had more to say than Dum Dum over six furlongs, run in 1m. 20½s. Speechless badly beat Paradenyia over a mile in 1m. 50½s., and Alannah beat Clydesdale over seven furlongs, the last six of which she ran in 1m. 22s. On the tan Lord Cardigan (Positano—Lady Trenton) beat Greenstone (Gozo—Maori Queen) over five furlongs in 1m. 5½s., and W.F. ran five furlongs in 1m. 7s, while Calcium beat Rejoice over six in 1m. 20½s. Possum and Hazel Lad ran a similar distance in 1m. 22s., and Victory ran seven in 1m. 35½s. Rewina and Euston left six furlongs behind in 1m. 19½s., and Salvous knocked off five in 1m. 6s. Useful work was done by Grey Rock, Danny Mann, Find Out, Loch Leven, Graphite, Buchu, Zinc, Foxy, Gratia, Air Motor, Saltillo, Athena, Warrior II., Dumont, Kynoch, Lord Monmouth, Simile, Bruntwood, and Nahpro.

In the local betting market yesterday there was a steady demand for Purser, who was quoted at 6 to 1 for the V.R.C. Newmarket Handicap. Tip Top was also firm at one stage, being quoted at the same price, but 8 to 1 was obtainable against Dulcimer. In the evening the latter became firmer, and Tip Top eased. About Rose Petal 100 to 5 was taken pretty freely.

Marvel Loch was scratched on Wednesday for the Flying Handicap at Canterbury Park meeting It was stated in error in yesterday's issue that Rock Harbour had been withdrawn from this event.

A committee meeting of the A.J.C. was held yesterday when the appeal of George Kauffine against the decision of the Dalgety J.C. was considered, and upheld.

Our Orange correspondent telegraphs that the rights for the annual races were sold yesterday, realising £154 10s, being £32 more than last year.

Mr. Thomas Power, "Galtee More," has proceeded to Melbourne to represent the "Herald" and "Sydney Mail" at the V.R.C. autumn meeting.

The card of the V.R.C. Newmarket Handicap will be read over this evening at the rooms of City Tattersall's Club.

For the pony and galloway races to be held at Kensington on Wednesday next entries close with the secretary, Mr. P. O'Mara, at 5 p.m. to-day. The programme will be found in the business portion of the paper.

Pony and galloway races will be held at Brighton to-day, the first event starting at 2.45 p.m. A special train will leave Redfern station at 1.55 p.m.

Pony and galloway races will be held at Forest Lodge on Monday next, and entries for the different events close with the secretary, Mr. E. G. James, at 5 p.m. to-day. Particulars will be found in the advertising columns.

The secretary, Mr. A. E. Bateman, will receive entries up to 5 p.m. to-day for the pony and galloway races to be held at Rosebery Park on Tuesday next. The programme is contained in the business sheets.

Messrs. Wm. Inglis and Son will offer for sale by auction, at their city bazaar, at noon, to-day, Golden Boy, ch f, 2 years, 14.2 (half-sister to Sir Leonard), unnamed, and Petrel, ch m, 14.3, a well-known performer.

VICTORIAN SPORTING NEWS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

There were only 11 acceptors for the Australian Cup to-day. Notwithstanding their poor running in the Geelong Cup, Athanie, Adjuster, and Lord Kitchener are amongst the number. The only horses of note scratched were Annotate, Muntchaka, and Masigwyn, whose recent form has been poor.

The Newmarket Handicap candidates Chantress, Independence, Fishery, Tiptop, Purser, Manlock, Sir Leonard, Prospero, and Mairp all pleased good judges in their final gallops at Flemington this morning. Over longer courses Footbolt, Flagship, Acrasia, Abundance, and The Victory went well, but Footbolt pulled up a little "dotty."

Dulcimer, Killua, and Wairiri went nicely at Caulfield. The three colts that fought out the Derby—Abundance, Great Scot, and Rienzi—will have the St. Leger to themselves.

A filly by Bloodstone from Colonial Barmaid was not scratched to-day for the St. Leger, but she has been overlooked.

Abundance was very much "off colour" when he arrived from Sydney, but he has gradually improved, and now seems to be doing as well as Great Scot.

Seaport, who has not been doing well of late, is to be given a spell. He was scratched for all his V.R.C. engagements to-day. The following other scratchings for the Flemington meeting were recorded as under:—March Steeplechase: Norval, Sportsman. Sires' Produce Stakes: Zeus Brumlo. Hopeful Stakes: Paul Jones, The Farmer. Ascot Vale Stakes: Cudgegong-Rosary colt, Safe Deposit, Wakefield, Lord Allandale, Panama, Zeus, Paul Jones, Brumlo, Battersea, Swansea, and Sweet Posy.

TRAINING NOTES.

FINAL GALLOPS FOR THE NEWMARKET.

FLEMINGTON.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

There was a fair muster of spectators to see the final gallops for the Newmarket Handicap at Flemington this morning. All the conditions were favourable for galloping, but though a lot of really good work was done there was nothing approaching the sensational. Chantress opened proceedings by going very nicely over the long five furlongs on the tan in the smart time of 1m. 7½s. Cherson finished four or five lengths in front of Velox, and Carmentia ran five furlongs in 1m. 6s. Sweet Nell and F.J.A. appeared to be timer at the finish of six furlongs on the tan, the last five furlongs taking 1m. 11s. Sir Harry did steady pacing. Emir and Sinnang went six furlongs on the tan in 1m. 23½s. The sand appeared to suit Rienzi better than the tan, for he went considerably better than usual in a gallop with Presto over one and a half mile, done in 2m. 47½s. Annotate subsequently did the same journey in three-quarters of a second slower time. Fairy States and Royal Oak ran the last three of six furlongs in 40½s. Kiota did a useful task. Independence (W. H. Smith) went well over six furlongs, run in 1m. 18½s. Fishery was as usual smart at finding her feet, and ran two furlongs in 25s., five furlongs in 1m. 4s., and six furlongs in 1m. 18½s. Fishery galloped in capital style. Tip-top also pleased by the way she ran the long six furlongs on the tan in 1m. 21s., the last five furlongs being cut out in 1m. 7½s. Martinique went easily over six furlongs, completed in 1m. 25s. Footbolt went in great style for eleven furlongs on the tan, run in 2m. 37s., picking up and beating Masigwyn over the last nine furlongs, and Avalon over the last mile, which was run in 1m. 52s. Footbolt pulled up a bit dotty, but there was nothing very serious amiss. Insect got to the end of the long five furlongs on the tan in 1m. 8½s. Purser gave Soldene three lengths start and a good beating, running two furlongs in 26s., and six in 1m. 19½s., and did it pretty well. Sir Leonard again pleased by the way in which he ran the short six furlongs in 1m. 18½s. Flagship went well during a mile gallop on the tan, and he ran the last five furlongs in 1m. 10s. Prospero created some surprise by badly beating Mount Lofty, and running six furlongs in 1m. 18½s. Blood Rose kept Prospero company over the last three furlongs. The Austrian badly beat The Corsican, but tired very much at the finish of a slowly run mile on the tan. The Endeavour ran five furlongs in 1m. 6½s., beating The Gleaner over the last half-mile. Acrasia went very nicely indeed, and finished in front of Bewitcher, with Keen several lengths behind them, in a well-run gallop of 1¼ mile, completed in 2m. 18s. Clochette slipped over five furlongs in 1m. 5½s. Verne went over six furlongs, and did the middle four in 53½s. Billah and Le Portel kept together in a six furlongs gallop, done in 1m. 21½s. Marton did strong pacing. Abundance galloped once around the sand track in 2m. 33½s, badly beating Undaunted, who joined in for the last nine furlongs, run in 2m. 3s. Abundance finished well. Manlock tried the short six furlongs, and finished in 1m. 19s. Lord Kitchener went slowly. The two Tasmanian candidates, Larissa and Chesterfield, who arrived yesterday and look pretty well, were restricted to easy tasks. Lorne was sent along at his top. Adjuster went slowly. The Victory had no trouble in beating Patroness in a gallop over eleven furlongs on the tan in 2m. 35s., and went very well. Gosport held Muntchaka very safe at the finish of the same journey, run in 2m. 38s. St. Ambrose did sound pacing and wound up with a spurt of three furlongs, run in 41½s. Czarevitch, ridden out, beat Safe Deposit by some lengths over five furlongs in 1m. 7s. Hurrah and Parvo galloped one and a quarter mile in 2m. 22½s. Miss Deerswood ran six furlongs in 1m. 19s. Duke of Grafton and Praleen held Great Scot in the early part of a five furlongs spin, but Great Scot beat both of them at the finish in 1m. 6s., and going on alone finished six furlongs in 1m. 20½s. Mairp badly beat Arts and Kan half a mile in 51s., five furlongs in 1m. 4s., and six furlongs in 1m. 17½s. Mairp did it really well, but he was reported to be wearing light shoes. Loddon, Syringa, Scutum, Golden Queen, and others did useful pacing.

CAULFIELD.

There was a good attendance at Caulfield this morning to see the horses do their final gallops for the Newmarket Handicap. Cool and pleasant weather was experienced and the grass was in good order. Some fast times were done. It was quite dark when Betrayer assisted Seaman over the last mile of a mile and a half on the sand, which was completed in 2m. 53s., and when Maharini galloped on the grass, it was just light enough to see her run seven furlongs in 1m. 37s., done easily. Fusilette was all out at the end of a mile on the sand in 1m. 51s. Pendant (Hood) went well over four furlongs on the sand in 51s. Goldleaf (H. Graham) pleased by the way she ran a mile in 1m. 47½s. Wakeful (Page) used the sand track for an easy run mile and a half, done in 2m. 51s. Killua (Thomas) beat The Idler (Cooper) by 10 lengths at the end of seven furlongs, run in 1m. 34½s., the first six furlongs taking 1m. 17½s. Scottish King and Eva slipped over four furlongs in 58s. Wairiri (Hood) went nicely for five furlongs in 1m. 4½s., and Lieutenant Bill, who is picking up, did good striding work. Irwell trotted three times round, and is a bit of a mystery. Vanity Fair (W. Burns) went in her usual taking style for nine furlongs, run in 2m. 1½s. She was hanging out at the finish, and just escaped running into a hurdle. Lady Doris spurted five furlongs in 1m. 5½s. Heloise had three-quarter pace work. Dulcimer (P. King) started by doing his four furlongs of six in 50½s., and the full distance in a tick under 1m. 18s., and he appeared to tire a little. This was the best gallop of the morning. Seaport, who has become very sore, will not run at the meeting.

MELBOURNE BETTING MARKET.

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Business in the betting market to-day was pretty brisk, but was confined to the Newmarket Handicap. Purser became a medium of speculation, and during the afternoon was backed to win between 3000 and 4000 at 100 to 14. The support accorded to Kelso's horse had the effect of causing Dulcimer to ease to 7 to 1, but at that price he was backed to win upwards of 2000, after which he firmed again to 6 to 1. About 2500 was booked about Fishery at 100 to 6 and 7. Chantress and Sir Leonard were each backed to win 3000 at 10 to 1, and 1000 to 40 went down to Rose Petal.

There was a fair attendance at the evening reading of the Newmarket card at the Victorian Club. A parcel of 1000 was on offer against Sir Leonard at 10 to 1, but backers wanted 100 to 8, and no business resulted. Killua was friendless, though 10,000 was pooled against him at 100 to 5, backers wanting 100 to 2, and at 100 to 4 Wairiri was not marketable. A wager of 500 to 50 went down to Chantress, with more on offer at the same price. Offers of 14 to 1 failed to bring about business on Fishery, and Manlock was friendless at 100 to 2. Purser was firm at 6 to 1, backers wanting 100 to 14. Wagers of 530 to 15 and 500 to 17½ were recorded about Mairp, and 500 to 12½ was booked three times about Fairy States. Bets of 200 to 16 and 500 to 45 were registered about Tip Top, and after 500 to 25 was written four times against Maharini, wagers of 200 to 11 and 230 to 10 were accepted. Dulcimer was firm at 6 to 1, but backers wanted 100 to 14, and no business resulted. Verne was supported to the extent of 2000 to 24. and bets of 1000 to 12½ and 500 to 7½ went down to Clochette. Milner was friendless at 100 to 5, but a wager of 500 to 10 was registered about Prospero. Offers of 100 to 4 failed to induce business on Independence, but backers were prepared to operate at half a point longer odds. A wager of 200 to 8 was written about Rose Petal, and after 200 to 11 had been accepted about Boaz, 500 to 30 was taken four times. Gold Leaf was backed to win over 3000 at 100 to 2 and 2½, and Miss Deerswood was friendless at 100 to 1. Following are the prices that were on offer:—6 to 1 each v. Purser, and Dulcimer, 10 to 1 each v. Sir Leonard, Chantress, and Tip Top, 100 to 7 each v. Fishery and Boaz, 100 to 5½ v. Maharini, 100 to 5 each v. Killua, Irwell, and Milner, 100 to 4 each v. Wairiri, Mairp, Mavis, Independence, and Rose Petal, 100 to 3 each v. Fairy States, Prospero, and Gold Leaf, 100 to 2 v. Insect, 100 to 1½ each v. Manlock, Verne, and Clochette, 100 to 1 v. Miss Deerswood.

VICTORIA RACING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The following acceptances in connection with the V.R.C. Autumn Meeting were declared to-day:—

ST. LEGER STAKES.—1¾m.

Messrs. Clark and Robinson's br c Rienzi, by Carlyon—Brown Alice.

Mr. R. Phillips's ch c Abundance, by Pilgrim's Progress—Beanfeast.

Hon. Agar Wynn's ch c Great Scot, by Lochiel—Scotch Mary.

Mr. F. Lowen's br f ——, by Bloodstone—Colonial Barmaid.

AUSTRALIAN CUP.—2¼m.

	st	lb		st	lb		st	lb
Flagship	9	0	Great Scot	8	0	Athanie	6	11
Abundance	8	10	Patronus	7	11	Adjuster	6	7
Footbolt	8	8	Rienzi	7	8	Ld. Kitchener	6	7
Vanity Fair	8	5	Acrasia	7	1			

FOREST LODGE PONY AND GALLOWAY RACES.

The pony and galloway races held at Forest Lodge yesterday were well attended. The owner of Mirror was fined £5 for non-scratching in the Thirteen-three Handicap. Appended are the results:—

Maiden Stakes (all horses), 3½f.—R. Hughes's Early Rose, by Canute—Silver Stain, 8st 2lb (W. Gemmell), 1; Sea Foam, 8st, 2; Rockleigh, 8st 4lb, 3. Six started. Betting: 5 to 4 v. Mack, 3 to 1 v. Rockleigh, 6 to 1 bar two. Won by a length and a half. Time, 44s.

Forest Lodge Handicap (all horses), 5f.—F. Munro's Slogger, by Cobbitty—Dixie, 11st 4lb (W. Dale), 1; Cowboy, 9st, 2; Lady Redfern II., 8st 7lb, 3. Six started. Betting: Even money on Slogger, 2 to 1 v. Optimist, 3 to 1 v. Cowboy, 4 to 1 each v. Nitilius and Lady Redfern II. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m. 5s.

Thirteen-three Handicap, 4½f.—S. Gorrell's Sweet Briar, 9st 7lb (C. Pennington), 1; Rene, 8st 7lb, 2; Merrie Minnie, 8st 2lb, 3. Eight started. Betting: 6 to 4 on Sweet Briar, 4 to 1 each v. Merrie Minnie and Rene, 6 to 1 v. The Joker. Won by half a length. Time, 1m. 1s.

Tramway Handicap, 3½f.—M. Anderson's Napier, by Drumstick—Polly, 7st 4lb (C. Pennington), 1; S.E., 8st, 2; Belle, 7st 10lb, 3. Six started. Betting: Even money on S.E., 2 to 1 v. Napier, 4 to 1 bar two. Won by a length and a half. Time, 47½s.

Novice Handicap (all horses), 4f.—W. Kennedy's Rockleigh, by Brockleigh—Barb mare, 7st 9lb (C. Pennington), 1; Nitilius, 8st 4lb, 2; Early Rose, 8st 2lb, including 7lb penalty, 3. Five started. Betting: Even money on Miss Beecroft, 3 to 1 v. Rockleigh, 4 to 1 v. Nitilius. Won by a length. Time, 51½s.

BRAIDWOOD RACES.

FIRST DAY.

BRAIDWOOD, Thursday.

The first day of the annual race meeting passed off well. There was a good attendance. The weather was beautifully fine, and the racing highly interesting. Results:—

Opening Handicap.—Irrawaddy, by Bengal—Latona, 6 years, 8st 8lb, 1; Holly, aged, 8st 12lb, 2; Intrusion, 8st 8lb, 3. Other starters: Greenwell, 9st; Rocklily, 6st 12lb; Phititis, 6st 12lb. Irrawaddy jumped away from the barrier with the lead, and held it all the way, winning easily by two lengths. Time, 1m. 18s.

Hack Race.—Esperance, by Epicurean—Maud, 6st 10lb, 1; Ballet Girl, 8st 5lb, 2; Plantiff, 9st 12lb, 3. Other starters: Boomerang, 6st 12lb; Primrose, 6st 10lb; Jelmacen, 6st 7lb. Won by a length and a half.

Cup, 1½m.—Loveshot, by Projectile—Affection, 5 years, 8st 8lb (Henderson), 1; The Palmist, 5 years, 7st 5lb (M'Farlane), 2; Variety, 6 years, 7st 5lb (Garmant), 3. Other starters: Pylara, 9st 5lb; Albani, 8st 5lb; Parma, 7st 10lb; Willie, 6st 13lb; Malice, 6st 12lb; Kohinoor, 6st 9lb. Betting: 3 to 1 v. Albani, 7 to 2 each v. Pylara and The Palmist, 6 to 1 v. Loveshot. Malice went away with a strong lead to the five-furlongs post, but The Palmist caught and passed him and led to the straight, where he was challenged by Loveshot. The latter took the lead when well in the straight, and won easily by three lengths. Variety was a length away third.

Welter Handicap, 6f.—Hander II., by Butler—Ira, aged, 9st 12lb, 1; Rocklily, 9st, 2; Cyrano, 9st 10lb, 3. Other starters: Holly, 10st, 9lb; Esperance, 8st. Hander II. led all the way, and won by a length. Time, 1m. 18s.

Flying Handicap.—Kohinoor, by Russley—Crown Jewel, 6st 7lb, 1; Parma, 7st 2lb, 2; Reproof, 7st 10lb, 3. Other starters: Bengola, 9st 5lb; Intrusion, 8st 12lb. Betting: 3 to 1 on Parma, 8 to 1 v. Kohinoor. It was one of the best races ever run here, all the horses being locked together, and the winner getting up in the last stride gained the verdict by a short head. The others were half a length away.

MURRUMBURRAH TURF CLUB.

SECOND DAY.

MURRUMBURRAH, Thursday.

The second day's races passed off well to-day. There was a fair attendance. Following are the results:—

Hurdle Race.—Cudlebar, 9st, 1; Algy, 10st, 2.

Welter Handicap.—Uno, 8st 9lb, 1; Barton, 8st 7lb, 2; Ruenot, 8st, 3.

Hardon Handicap.—Barton, 7st 2lb, 1; Mermaid, 8st 7lb, 2; Corollary, 7st 6lb, 3.

Federal Handicap.—Frantic, 7st 10lb, 1; Turbulent, 8st 5lb, 2; Early Rose, 9st 2lb, 3.

Forced Handicap.—Corollary, 1; Mermaid, 2.

BRIGHTON PONY AND GALLOWAY RACES.

Following are the weights for the pony and galloway races to be held at Brighton to-day:—

Trial Handicap (15.3), 5f.—Miss Henry, 8st 12lb; Portrait, 8st 5lb; Gold Lock, 7st 10lb; The Masher, 7st 8lb; March, 7st 5lb; Beaupatch, 7st; Cunzon, 7st; Lady Ethel, 7st.

Bexley Handicap (14.1), 4f. 80yds.—Panther, 9st; Bob, 9st; Wavelet, 8st; Noble Lady, 7st 9lb; Firelight, 7st.

Charlton Handicap (13.3), 4f. 80yds.—Etheline II., 9st 7lb; Cambena, 8st 12lb; Gold Dust, 8st; Mirror, 8st; Little Ferkin, 7st 9lb; Fidget, 7st 7lb; Blue Wing, 7st 5lb; Cameo, 7st; Wallace, 7st; Sal, 7st.

Rockdale Handicap (14.2), 4f. 80yds.—Elwyn, 10st 5lb; Lee Weller, 9st 12lb; King Bee, 9st; Revolist, 8st 5lb; Bob, 7st 8lb; Solberg, 7st 7lb; Lass, 7st 7lb; Pivot, 7st.

Brighton Handicap (15.0), 6½f.—Sea Bird, 9st 7lb; Kitty Sharp, 8st 2lb; Miss Henry, 8st; Signora, 7st 12lb; Muscat, 7st 10lb; Carlotta, 7st 9lb; Pride, 7st.

CYCLING.

"SYDNEY THOUSAND" CARNIVAL.

The very large number of competitors entered for the Sydney Thousand and other events of the March carnival has given the race management great difficulty in arranging the various heats. The final list of entrants shows that there are 200 cash riders and 50 trophy riders entered, which is easily the record for any meeting in Australasia. The programme of events for each of the dates—March 4, 6, 9, 14, 16, and 18—will be very full, and the various heats and finals will follow one another at very short intervals.

Owing to the large entry of class "A" riders it has been decided to increase the original value of the trophies twofold. This recognition of the hearty response by the league trophy riders should be mutually appreciated, and will considerably increase the interest in these races.

The latest reports from Melbourne state that Walne, the Queensland champion, is showing splendid form. In fact, he is riding so well at present it is anticipated by his friends that he will challenge both Walker and Morgan for the premier position among the Australian riders. When Walne was last in Sydney he was suffering from the effects of a series of falls, and even then rode remarkably well; but now he is riding better than ever, and is expected to be one of the winners next month.

Higgins, a Western Australian rider, who receives 105 yds. in the "Sydney Thousand," has been in Sydney for some weeks, and has been training quietly on the North Shore track. Higgins is a tall, well-developed athlete, and rides very strongly, being one of the hard riders who make all their own pace. He will be heard of before the carnival concludes.

TRAINING NOTES.

G. Sutherland, the New Zealand champion, and W. Palmer, of Victoria, were on the Sydney Cricket Ground track yesterday morning. Both men contented themselves with steady work, and occasionally livened up to short sprints. They look in first-class fettle, and if they are not among the winners next week it will not be for want of condition. Neither of the men was among those training in the evening.

The riders were not able to go on the track yesterday evening until after 6 o'clock, owing to a cricket match, but as soon as the ground was cleared the track was swarming with cyclists. As the men raced around they alternately strung out and formed small bunches. Speaking generally, the riders are showing very fine form, this being especially noticeable in the country section, a large number of whom are already in town.

Megson was on early, and rode steadily for about 5m., and seemed to be going very easily in the fast bunches. A motor tandem, driven by A. Bearpark, was brought on the track, and was picked up quickly by M'Donald, the Western Australian champion. It was trailed by a string of riders, who were soon shaken off as the pace of motor was increased. M'Donald followed the motor at a warm pace for about eight laps, and then sprinted the motor home. He is riding well, and followed the machine in his usual easy style. With his long sprints he will be a dangerous competitor in the coming scratch events.

O'Brien, Thearle, and Fowle paced a small bunch for three laps at a hot pace, the trio showing very fine form. Just at this time the big crowd of riders were split up into small sections. Prominent among them was a new rider, Richardson, who was doing very good work. Wakeford is riding very well, and last evening looked prominent in all the sprints, finishing up alone with long steady work. Phipps, an old Cobar cyclist, is riding very strongly, and with Fowle, Wakeford, and Adrian put in some good work, pacing a big bunch, which broke up with several short sprints. The brothers M'Lean, from Inverell, are a couple of sturdy riders, and were well forward in the leading bunches. On one occasion they came round the bunch, and at the members' stand sprinted for the line with Phipps, Wakeford, and three or four others after them. They all finished very strong, but the M'Leans had slightly the best of it. In the next round Phipps led the sprint, and finished well ahead of the bunch. Adrian, an old handicap rider, rode several steady laps, mostly alone, finishing up with two or three short sprints. J. Crowell was doing long, steady work, and was not noticeable in any of the sprints. Most of the country riders are doing good work, and next to the M'Lean brothers may be mentioned Beecher (of Wyalong), Curley (of Gunnedah), and A. J. King (of Wyalong). The winner of the last big wheel race (Curley) was riding very strongly, and will be hard to beat off his mark (160yds.) in the £1000 handicap. Beecher led a big bunch at a very warm pace, and sprinted away from them at the turn, finishing well ahead of O'Brien, Phipps, Wakeford, and others.

The big crowd of cyclists who will arrive next Tuesday from Melbourne will considerably enliven the local training. The large number of competitors entered for the Sydney Thousand and other events from the southern State has given the coming meeting a prominence never before given to a Sydney race meeting, and the training of the Victorian riders on the St. Kilda track for the Sydney carnival has been watched with interest by the local enthusiasts, several of whom will visit Sydney for the meeting. Major Taylor will also arrive in Sydney with the inter-state cracks. He states that he is feeling well, and after a perusal of the handicaps for the Sydney Thousand expressed the opinion that he thought he had a chance of securing it. However, considering the crowd of fast riders who are in front of him—perhaps the finest collection of racing men ever gathered together at one meeting in Australia—he will have to be in his very best form to even qualify for the final.

The following are the entries for the Palace Emporium Championship, to be run on Saturday afternoon next, starting from the Plough Inn, Parramatta-road, at 3.30 p.m.:—C. Fischer, R. Hissett, R. Clark, A. Maidment, O. Bell, A. Bradley, A. C. Ross, and M. Smith.

Five Parisian policemen have passed an examination as motorists, and will be supplied with fast cars to arrest drivers who travel at a dangerous speed.

The Paris Fire Brigade has been provided with two electric motor fire engines, which are claimed to be the most powerful ones in the world. They have a maximum speed of 60 miles an hour.

YASS, Thursday.

A meeting of the local bicycle club was held yesterday. Curnett, of Bowning, secured two half-mile events, and Worty won the mile handicap. During the day three riders collided, falling heavily, but were not hurt.

CRICKET.

SCHOOL PREMIERSHIP.

NEWINGTON COLLEGE v. CHURCH OF ENGLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played at Newington February 20 and 21, and won by Newington by 92 runs. Scores:—

Newington College.—First Innings.

Hicks, b G. Black	37	Taylor, c Bullock, b C. Allen	31
Reid, c Minnett, b R. Allen	11	Wilson, c and b C. Allen	5
Prescott, c Black, b C. Allen	88	Vesper, b C. Allen	2
Elliott, c Black, b G. Black	61	Mather, b G. G. Black	1
Grey, c C. Allen, b Bullock	13	Gill, not out	2
Allsopp, lbw, b G. Black	21	Sundries	32
		Total	304

Second Innings.

Hicks, b R. Allen	1	Taylor, b K. Allen	16
Reid, c Bland, b G. Black	19	Wilson, c and b Bullock	10
Prescott, c Giblin, b G. Black	32	Vespers, c Allen, b Bullock	25
Elliott, b K. Allen	0	Mather, b G. Black	1
Grey, c Bullock, b K. Allen	2	Gill, not out	1
Allsopp, b K. Allen	11	Sundries	3
		Total	121

Church of England Grammar School.—First Innings.

G. Black, c Allsopp, b Grey	104	Giblin, b Taylor	19
K. Williams, c Elliott, b Reid	8	Dent, c Hicks, b Reid	8
Minnett I., c Reid, b Taylor	40	C. Allen, c Mather, b Reid	5
Minnett II., b Gill	6	K. Allen, b Reid	10
Black II., run out	0	Bland, not out	1
Bullock, c Hicks, b Grey	0	Sundries	35
		Total	235

Second Innings.

Black, b Reid	16	C. Allen, c Vesper, b Reid	1
Williams, b Gill	0	K. Allen, b Taylor	14
Minnett I., b Reid	12	Bland, c Elliott, b Reid	7
Minnett II., b Reid	3	Sundries	6
Black II., b Reid	4		
Bullock, b Reid	0		
Giblin, c Gill, b Reid	2	Total	98
Dent, not out	33		

On Wednesday afternoon a match was played on the North Shore oval between a team from the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, and one from the fire insurance offices selected by Mr. J. A. Minnett, of the New Zealand Insurance Company. The game, after a very close finish, resulted in a tie, each side scoring 222, and was finished just on time. At 4 o'clock an adjournment was made to the pavilion, where afternoon tea was dispensed to players and to a number of visitors, including several ladies. For the New Zealand Loan and M.A. Company, Limited, R. Hartigan made 51, L. A. Minnett 52, J. H. Robinson 42, W. Caswell 17, Turnbull 19, the last four retiring. For the insurance offices Gee scored 78 (retired) and Birch 26. The successful bowlers were Howell and Humphries for the Insurances, and N. Caswell and Amphlett for the N.Z.L.

MOLONG, Thursday.

The Yoorooga Club defeated Curra Creek by an innings and 64 runs. For the winners S. Hunt established a local record, capturing the whole of the wickets in the first innings for 4 runs, and scoring 35 not out.

PAMBULA, Thursday.

Bega forfeited to Pambula in the final of the association match, giving Pambula an unbeaten record for the season. Pambula therefore become the holders of the association challenge cup till next year.

FOOTBALL.

NEW SOUTH WALES FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

The third general meeting of the New South Wales Football League was held at the Y.M.C.A. Hall last night, Mr. F. Poole occupied the chair, and there were 145 members present. The rules were read and adopted. A letter was read from the Victorian League according their hearty support to the league, and promising that a team would visit this State during May next. It was reported that the movement had been taken up very enthusiastically, and five clubs had been already formed with an average membership of 60. A report was read from the players' committee which showed that out of 202 members in the league 119 were players.

NORTH SHORE FOOTBALL CLUB.

A large and enthusiastic gathering assembled in the School of Arts, North Sydney, on Monday evening, for the purpose of forming a football club at North Shore to play under the Australian rules. Mr. D. A. Madden occupied the chair, and was supported by Messrs. Hedger, Sullivan, Middleton, Padula, and F. J. Hart.

The Chairman gave a brief history of the doings to date of the New South Wales Football League, and informed those present that the club would not be antagonistic to the interests of other clubs in the district, but was merely to uphold the sport generally, and if possible to further it.

The club was eventually formed, and will be known as the North Shore Football Club. A provisional committee was appointed, and was composed of the following gentlemen:—Messrs. L. S. Spiller, D. A. Madden, G. V. Padula, F. J. Hart, A. W. Ballhausen, T. Spiller, A. Middleton, W. J. Williams, E. A. Wright, F. A. Beetson, C. Millard, E. Butcher, E. Truman, E. Robertson, and E. Attwater. Mr. G. V. Padula was appointed hon. secretary pro tem.

SYDNEY FOOTBALL CLUB.

A general meeting of the Sydney Football Club (Australian game) was held at the Forbes Hotel on Wednesday evening, when a good number of members were present. Mr. S. A. Madden occupied the chair. The rules, bylaws, &c., for the future management of the club were adopted. It was decided to join the New South Wales Football League.

WINDSOR, Thursday.

The annual meeting of the Windsor Football Club was held last night. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Mr. B. Hall, M.L.A., is patron, and Mr. G. D. Wood president.

BOWLS.

VISIT OF A VICTORIAN TEAM.

A team consisting of four rinks from the Ballarat Central Club (Vic.) will visit Sydney during Easter, and engage in matches with the leading city and suburban clubs. The opening game will be played against Manly on April 11. The other fixtures arranged to date are against City, Balmain, Waverley, St. George, Chatswood, Ashfield, and Newcastle.

Mr. H. C. Evans is endeavouring to arrange a match at Bathurst for the visitors, and it is probable that the list of matches will be added to. A number of ladies will accompany the visitors to Sydney.

THE RAWSON CUP.

A meeting of members of the Waverley Bowling Club was held on Wednesday night. The principal business was the appointment of the selectors to choose the team to compete for the Rawson Cup. The following were elected:—Messrs. J. T. Blanchard, E. E. Wahlberg, W. Remmell, H. C. Evans, and L. G. Holthouse.

N.S.W. SPORTS CLUB, LTD.

The above club held a most enjoyable harbour excursion last night. The steamer Bronzewing left the Parramatta Company's wharf, at the foot of King-street, at 8 o'clock. There was a large attendance, about 400 people being present. Music was supplied by the Bavarian Band, who contributed the following programme:—March, "Hands Across the Sea" (Sousa); selection, "The Fortune Teller" (Herbert); valse, "Morgenblatter" (Strauss); selection, "La Boheme" (Puccini); cake walk, "Whistling Rufus" (Mills); selection, "Paul Jones" (Planquette); cornet solo, "I Dreamed a Dream" (Cooke); selection, "The Messenger Boy" (Caryll); cake walk, "The Mobile Prance" (W. H. Brown); selection, "The Geisha" (Jones); valse, "Lustige Bruder" (Vollstedt); selection, "La Traviata" (Verdi); cake walk, "Alabama Dream" (Barnard). There was an ample supply of refreshments, and everything passed off splendidly. The Bronzewing steamed round the harbour, stayed for half an hour at Clark Island, and landed her passengers at King-street in good time.

TENNIS.

COOMA, Thursday.

The Cooma Lawn Tennis Club's first handicap mixed doubles tournament of the season commenced this week. Results of three days' play to to-day:—

First Round.

Dr. Kirkwood and Miss Backhouse (received 30) defeated E. Backhouse and Miss Z. Solomon (received 10) by 100 to 98.

C. W. Finch and Mrs. M'Naughton (received 35) defeated Hillyar and Miss Body (received 20) by 100 to 91.

J. Heron and Miss L. Garnock (received 40) defeated Dr. Harvison and Miss N. Solomon (received 20) by 100 to 94.

M'Kay and Miss R. Harnett (scr.) defeated B. Denning and Miss Pehey (received 30) by 100 to 98.

F. Galbraith and Miss J. Garnock (received 40) forfeited to N. Backhouse and Miss Moses (received 20).

ROWING.

INTER-STATE CREW.

The nine members of the N.S.W. eight-oar crew will meet at the University boatshed at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, when they will be taken in hand for coaching by Mr G. E. Upward. This will be the start of regular work for the race, which is fixed for May 2, and will be rowed on the Yarra. A launch will, if possible, be provided for the coaches, Messrs. Pearson and Upward. The members of the crew are:—R. B. Fitzhardinge, M. O. Cater, C. W. Nicholson, W. J. Furlong, E. J. M'Mahon, R. E. Milsop, W. A. Deacon, H. E. Ellen, and W. J. Middleton.

SWIMMING.

THE TEST RACES.

The New South Wales Swimming Association will hold two of the series of test races on Wednesday evening at the Coogee Aquarium. These and the other events are to decide the second New South Wales representative at the Australian championships at Brisbane. R. Cavill has already been chosen. The association will also hold on Wednesday evening 150yds, team race, 50 yds. handicap, and a diving competition.

A meeting of the executive committee was held yesterday, when the matter referred to at last meeting of the council in connection with a recent team race and a request by the handicapper for inquiry was gone into. The committee, after a lengthy consideration, agreed to a severe recommendation to the council. The matter will be considered at the next meeting of that body.

With reference to the statement concerning the omission to handicap certain swimmers at the Randwick and Coogee carnival, the hon. secretary of the association states that a number of names were not submitted to the handicapper. The entries were not accepted by the club holding the event.

RANDWICK AND COOGEE CLUB.

The Randwick and Coogee Swimming Club held a 100 Yards Members' Handicap at Coogee on Wednesday evening. Messrs. E. M. D. Spring, A. B. M'Nab, and J. S. D. Heslett acted as judge, starter, and check starter respectively. Results:—

First Heat: J. Duffy, 16s., 1; A. Cameron, 17s., 2; T. Fox, 10s., 3. Time, 1m. 20 2-5s. Second heat: W. Miley, 16s., 1; F. P. Robinson, 28s., 2; A. Farmilo, 19s., 3. Time, 1m. 20s. Third heat: E. J. O'Dowd, 8s., 1; F. A. Randle, 20s., 2; F. Mattox, 18s., 3. Time, 1m. 16 1-5s. Fourth heat: V. Church, 9s., 1; A. Rodman, 7s., 2; third man not placed. Time, 1m. 13 4-5s.

Final: J. Duffy, 16s., 1; V. Church, 9s., 2; W. Miley, 16s., 3. This proved to be a splendid contest. The race was only won by a touch, and a touch separated the second and third men. Time, 1m. 19 2-5s.

EASTERN SUBURBS CLUB.

The above club will hold its annual carnival at Bronte Baths on Saturday. The most important item is the 100 Yards Championship of the club, for which many entries have been received. The 500 Yds. Team Relay Race should attract interclub swimmers, and a large number have come forward with their entry. An excellent programme has been drawn up, including the usual miscellaneous events. Arrangements have been made for a service of special trams between 2 and 3 p.m., as well as extras provided to meet the patrons at the conclusion of the carnival. A brass band will be present, and afternoon tea will be provided for the ladies.

PALACE EMPORIUM CLUB.

The handicaps for the 80yds. handicap to be held by the above club at Farmer's Domain baths on Saturday, 28th, at 3 p.m., are given below. In conjunction with the handicap a 40yds. novice race and a neatest header competition will take place:—

H. Smith, scratch; W. Ragan, H. M'Nally, 4s.; M. M'Mahon, 7s.; R. Jefkins, H. Needham, A. O. Marcombe, J. Howe, D. Smith, 11s.; J. Morley, 12s.; G. Stockdale, H. Hopkinson, 13s.; P. Gibson, 14s.; H. Gilbertson, 15s.; E. Buckland, R. Silverson, A. Caddy, C. Young, 16s.; R. Geary, 17s.; L. Rimmins, J. Porteous, 20s.; H. Gilbert, 24s.; D. O'Shannessy, S. Redwood, 36s.

WOOL AND BASIL WORKERS' ASSOCIATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Referring to Mr. Dacey's reply to a letter which appeared in your last Monday's issue on the above subject, and which incidentally referred to other matters in connection with our industry, we desire to emphasise the point that when holidays are arranged by our employees without due consultation with us it can only have the effect of hampering our operations, disappointing our customers, and finally driving trade into other channels. It is for those whom Mr. Dacey represents to carefully consider whether this is desirable, especially at the present time.

In our industry the metropolitan area has so far benefited rather than otherwise from the phenomenal and unfortunate pastoral losses, and the ill-effects of the drought have not yet, but will most assuredly, and in no uncertain way, be felt here in the near future.

With respect to some other matters touched upon by Mr. Dacey we offer no comment, as the workers of their own free will and accord have appealed to the Arbitration Court.

There is, however, one point we should like to briefly refer to, and that is his rather ambiguous handling of the subject of what happened in Melbourne when the Wages Board in Victoria raised the wages in this industry. Your correspondent seems to imply that the Melbourne employers ceased operations in a spirit of spite, or from sheer obstinacy, and not from the purely business aspect of profit and loss. It was not so. Men who have invested large capital in establishing big business concerns do not close down for a period of two years, except under compulsion. The increased cost of working was found by our Melbourne friends to eliminate all profits, and render them wholly unable to compete against the outside world.

We claim to be as deeply interested in the welfare of the employees, and in the industry we are engaged in, as Mr. Dacey is, and we should be very sorry indeed to see such discomfort here as occurred in Melbourne and Geelong two years ago.

I am, &c., L. H. SPANSWICK,
Hon. Secretary New South Wales Woolscouring and Fellmongering Employers' Association.
February 26.

G. H. Astridge, Woollahra's leading Grocer, gives Co-operative Coupons.—Advt.

THE INVERLOCHY WRECK.

SUPREME COURT JUDGMENT.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the Supreme Court to-day Mr. Justice Hood delivered the reserved judgment on a special case stated for his opinion by the Court of Marine Inquiry in reference to the stranding of the barque Inverlochy. His Honor was asked to answer four questions, viz.: 1. Whether the charge against E. R. Kendrick, master of the British ship Inverlochy, was a specific charge for a specific offence under section 1839 of Marine Act, 1890? 2. Was such charge for more than one offence? 3. Was the charge bad on account of its uncertainty? 4. Whether on the evidence given there was jurisdiction to deal with the charge? His Honor said three of the questions were based upon the form of charge made against Kendrick. The document served upon him might be a mere summons, or it might be something of the nature of an indictment. If the document was nothing more than a summons, the objections to it were cured by the appearance of the defendant. If, however, the document was to be taken as a deliberate statement of an accusation, it would be necessary to consider the various sections of the Act. There were three matters that might be included in an accusation, viz., casualties, incompetency, and misconduct. A certificate could only be cancelled when a master was found guilty of any gross act of misconduct, drunkenness, or tyranny. By the interpretation of the clause, "misconduct" was made to include reckless or careless navigation. His Honor considered the document referred to in the first three questions was not open to objection. The master of the Inverlochy was charged with misconduct, whereby his ship was seriously damaged. It was also complained that such misconduct consisted of reckless or careless navigation. That enabled the master thoroughly to understand the accusation made against him, and gave him an opportunity to prepare his defence. His Honor did not agree with the opinion that there were two charges. As a matter of fact there was but one charge, viz., misconduct. If not his Honor considered it sufficient for counsel at the close of the evidence to say there was no case. Such objection was altogether too vague and general, and specific grounds should be stated. To say there was no jurisdiction was nebulous in the extreme. His Honor thought the lower Court would have been justified in refusing to take notice of an objection so raised. The questions put to the Court were answered as follows:—(1) Yes; (2) No; (3) No; (4) Yes.

A FRENCH ARCTIC EXPEDITION.

A telegram from Paris dated January 16 states that Dr. Jean Charcot has announced the plans for an Arctic expedition under the patronage of the Academy of Science and the Ministry of Public Instruction. A ship for the voyage is now under construction at St. Malo. She will be specially equipped to resist ice. The party will leave France on May 15 for Spitzbergen, and thence will start for Franz Josef Land. The expedition will be exclusively French. Lieutenant de Gerlache, who commanded the Belgian Antarctic steamer Belgica, will probably be a member of the party, which will also comprise several scientists. Dr. Charcot says France has hitherto left Arctic exploration to foreigners, and he hopes to revive French attention to the subject.

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AUSTRALIAN AND IMPERIAL TOPICS.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S TOUR.

LONDON, Jan. 23.

Mr. Chamberlain's movements in South Africa continue to be watched here with the keenest interest. On the whole the general feeling is that the Colonial Secretary is doing well, although not as well I fancy—I am speaking of course only on the strength of home gossip—as he might have liked. But it may be roughly held as one of the tests of a good business man that he starts with a maximum of hope, and takes what he can get when he has inquired into all the conditions of the existing state of affairs, and it is the Colonial Secretary's supreme forte that with the added accomplishments gained in years of Parliamentary experience he does know business. The financial arrangements, of which you will have received the main particulars by cable, have hardly yet been sufficiently discussed here to enable a fair judgment to be yet formed as to the views of independent experts. Some of the telegrams from South Africa—and these the best in the matter of information—are apparently inspired, and others are prejudiced. But evidently a good deal of discussion is impending yet.

MR. COPELAND ON IMPERIAL DEFENCE.

In regard to the matter of the burdens of Imperial defence there has been a rather lively newspaper correspondence in the last few days between Mr. Copeland and Mr. Loring (the secretary of the Imperial Defence Committee) in connection with the proposal made by Mr. Loring as to the action which the Government ought to take in regard to the present position of the self-governing colonies. He suggests that after the expiration of say three years the responsibility of the United Kingdom for the safety of the self-governing colonies shall come to an end, and "that in the meantime the United Kingdom is prepared to enter on the consideration of any proposals for the joint undertaking of these responsibilities with any of the self-governing colonies who may wish to adopt such a course." The Imperial Defence Committee, which is, I believe, an outcome of the old Imperial Federation League, is semi-officially described as aiming at the combination for the purposes of defence in the first instance for the maintenance of a common navy The suggestion made by the association is not as far as the general principle is concerned a new one, especially in certain quarters here, which have some scheme of general defence at heart, and I need not go into the merits of the general controversy. However, Mr Copeland's reponse to this suggestion is a pretty vigorous one, and whether it commends itself in Australia or not—a point on which it is useless here to venture on a judgment—has certainly attracted a good deal of attention, and I am told by an Irish friend that he has even seen it quoted in a remote Irish paper. Roughly it is to the effect that the Australian answer to any such proposal would be that the colonies had little material—as apart from sentimental—object in preserving the Imperial connection, that from a mere military standpoint they would have little to lose from any possible quarrel with a European power, and that it is very unlikely that any of the Powers would quarrel with Australia at all. Mr. Copeland asserts a special right to take up this attitude, because more than 20 years ago he moved a resolution in the New South Wales Parliament in favour of a moiety of the contribution toward the maintenance of the British ships in commission on the Australian station being borne by the Australian colonies and New Zealand in proportion to the estimated population of each colony.

"COLONEL" LYNCH'S TRIAL.

The trial of Colonel Lynch on the ground of high treason has naturally attracted a good deal of attention here this week, though not as much as was at one time expected. The prisoner has three Judges to try him, and he is at the bar for an offence which would legally entail the capital punishment, but it is noted that the Court has been very considerate to him, and that he seems to recognise this courtesy with gratitude. Of course what will actually come of the whole business remains to be seen—in fact it is a most interesting study in the development of our civil law. The proceedings so far are not specially worth recording because most of the evidence taken has been reported before, but everyone has noticed the grave and at the same time keen attention with which the Lord Chief Justice has followed the arguments of counsel. A trial for high treason does not occur every day, and it is evidently felt by the Judges that this is a case in which the decision may have to serve as a precedent for modern times. It seems to be generally agreed that the prisoner has, on the whole, borne his trial with a fair amount of equanimity. He was very anxious at first, or at least appeared to be so, and then relaxed into a certain amount of impassivity. I am told that an official of the Court described him as "looking like a military man when he stood up and a literary man when he sat down"—a combination which appeals to the imagination.

QUEEN VICTORIA.

We have had Coronation festivities and other festivities enough in the last year of two, but this week has been distinguished by a different kind of ceremony. Yesterday was the second anniversary of the death of Queen Victoria—time seems to pass very quickly—and there was an interesting gathering of the members of the Royal family at the Frogmore Mausoleum. I suppose that no one will pretend that we have yet absolutely gauged the extraordinary personal influence which Queen Victoria exerted on the national life of the remarkable century in which she was, to the British race at all events, the dominating figure. That is a matter for history, but there is no falling off in public remembrance yet of her great and gracious personality. A prominent colonial—not an Australian—remarked the other day that Queen Victoria had "kept the empire together." This was perhaps a rather strong statement if we measure all the centripetal forces constantly at work, but there is no doubt, here at all events, as to the work which this great woman did accomplish for the time in which she exercised her beneficent rule.

CHURCH NEWS.

SYDNEY CITY MISSION.

The annual picnic of the scholars attending the Paddington Branch of the Sydney City Mission took place at Pearl Bay on Wednesday. The steamer Greyhound conveyed the teachers and scholars, with their friends, to the grounds. The Rev. E. Moore, general secretary, and Mr. F. Smith, local missionary, assisted the teachers in carrying out the arrangements.

P.C.E. UNION.

On Monday evening Mr. C. Gifford Moore delivered a lecture on "India—its Mutiny and its Durbar," on behalf of the Protestant Church of England Union. The Rev. W. Greenwood, Pictou, presided. There was a large attendance.

THE STOCK AND PASTURES PROTECTION BILL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In the "S. M. Herald" of the 19th instant Mr. W. E. Abbott, who knows a good deal of pastoral matters, and whose opinion on such matters is, as a rule, thought to be worth considering by most pastoralists, complains of the appointment of the stock inspectors and chairmen of the different local boards being taken out of the hands of the directors and the appointments made by the Minister for Lands, under whose department the new bill has been brought. Mr. Crick has stated that his reason for so doing was that these officials would be under the control of the Minister administering the Act, and away from the personal influence of the board; and whilst this is so inspectors are supposed to work amicably with the directors and carry out their wishes as far as possible.

Now, Sir, I contend that it is about time that the appointing of inspectors was taken away from the local boards. In the past good, practical, experienced men have been passed over for (in some cases) men who have had little or no experience in these matters. The majority of the boards want a man whom they can control and who will do their bidding. The local boards consist of six directors appointed by those who are assessed and the chairman, who is appointed by the Minister. The inspector has no vote at a board meeting, so, as it is a matter of six against one, how is it possible for the chairman to control the voting power of the board and destroy the interests of the pastoralists? In nearly every case the present chairman either acted in that capacity under the old Act or was a member of the board. Under the old Act we had publicans and storekeepers holding the position of chairman, but it is to be hoped the Minister will alter this.

I am, &c., PASTORALIST.

The Manchester Unity of Oddfellows has now attained its ambition of having a million of members, and the Ancient Order of Foresters registers 928,036 members. The Hearts of Oak Society has reached 265,000 members, the largest centralised society in the kingdom. Another Order of Oddfellows has 330,457, and the Ancient Shepherds 226,321 members.

"The Maori, Past and Present," is the title of an interesting illustrated article by Rawei in this week's "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

THIRD DAY.

The conference met at 10 o'clock yesterday, when the daily record was read and confirmed.

LAYMEN TO STATIONING COMMITTEE.

The President declared that the following laymen had been elected as members of the stationing committee:—Sydney district, J. Cook and T. H. England; Parramatta, W. G. Bean, W. H. M'Clelland; Bathurst, J. H. Gannon, Thomas Atkinson; Maitland, J. Fegan, J. Gilbert; Armidale, R. Nicholas, A. Shelton; Goulburn, William Foxall, E. Ashley; Riverina, Messrs. Mayford, G. Sides; mission districts, P. N. Slade, James Blanksby, William Robson, M. Hawkins.

CHAPLAINCIES.

The Rev. J. E. Carruthers brought forward the report of the chaplaincies committee. During the year an application was received for the apportionment of an amount to provide for services in the Coast Hospital at Little Bay. The committee was impressed with the necessity of this being done. The allocation for the year was agreed upon by the committee and approved by the President.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

Proceeding to the order of the day with the view of the readjustment of boundaries of the Parramatta, Liverpool and Granville, and Homebush circuits, it was resolved, on the motion of Mr. W. H. M'Clelland, that a commission be appointed by the conference to confer with representatives from the Ryde, Parramatta, Liverpool and Granville, and Homebush circuits, and report to the next synod and conference.

The Rev. E. E. Crosby, B.A., moved the recommendation of the Maitland district:—"That the Newcastle circuit be divided: 1, Newcastle circuit to comprise the Newcastle mission, Laman-street, and Stockton. 2. Hamilton-Wickham circuit to comprise Hamilton, Maitland-road, Dangar-street, Carrington, Broadmeadow, and Tighe's Hill."

The conference agreed.

The conference also resolved that the Catherine Hill Bay circuit be made a home mission station, and that the name of the Murrurundi circuit be changed to that of the Murrurundi and Quirindi circuit.

The Rev. M. H. Parkinson moved that the second minister in the Armidale circuit reside at Uralla. The conference, after discussion, agreed.

The ex-President submitted a communication from the Armidale circuit, praying for a division of that circuit. The Rev. F. E. Fletcher, M.A., the superintendent of the circuit, proposed that the request be granted. After debate, in which several took part, the conference resolved that the question be deferred for one year.

The conference then adjourned for luncheon.

On reassembling after lunch the Rev. James Woolnough asked the permission of the conference to make a statement concerning home mission affairs. Owing to the readjustments made necessary by Methodist union, coupled with the diminished income and the increased demands consequent upon the prolonged drought, it became necessary to raise additional income amounting to £2500, which would enable them to meet the extra demands for the next two years.

Proceeding to the order of the day, the conference resolved, on the motion of the Rev. B. Danks, that Rossell Island and Sudest, in British New Guinea, be constituted a circuit, and that a European missionary be appointed thereto, and that Ontong, Java, and the Tasman Islands, in the Solomon Islands, be included within the boundaries of the district.

On the motion of the Rev. Dr. Sellors, the request that an additional minister be appointed to the Homebush circuit was discharged from the business paper, in view of the appointment of a commission to inquire into the boundaries of Homebush and the adjoining circuits.

The Rev. George Lane moved the recommendation of the synod district that a probationer be appointed to the Lewisham circuit. The conference agreed.

The Rev. T. R. Holmes moved that the Wollongong circuit be divided, a new circuit be formed with Helensburgh as its head, and Dark Forest, Clifton, Waterfall, and Sutherland as parts of the new circuit. The Rev. W. J. Willard seconded the proposal, and gave statistics of the places in the proposed new circuit. The proposal was supported by several members of the conference, and finally carried by a large majority.

The Rev. E. E. Crosby moved the resolution of the Maitland Synod, that a probationer be appointed to the Hamilton-Wickham circuit, but the matter was postponed to a later stage of the proceedings.

It was agreed to sustain the recommendation of the Maitland district that a probationer be appointed as an additional minister to the Manning River circuit, also that a probationer be stationed at Lautoka, in the Fiji district.

The Grafton district recommended that a probationer be sent as second minister to the Casino circuit, and the conference agreed.

The Rev. R. H. Rickard moved that steps be taken to secure a suitable man for the training institution to be established at Ubia, in the British New Guinea district.

The conference resolved that the order in which circuits under obligation to provide for a married instead of an unmarried minister be as follows:—Muswellbrook, Rylstone, Coolamon, Bourke, Narrandera.

The application of the Robertson circuit for the withdrawal of the married minister was not sustained.

It was decided that the second married minister of the Kempsey circuit be withdrawn.

The matter of the grant to the Coonamble circuit was deferred to a later period of the proceedings.

The Rev. Dr. Sellors moved the recommendation of the Parramatta district that Riverstone, Blacktown, Rooty Hill, Plumpton, and places adjacent be constituted a home mission station. The conference agreed. In order to relieve the conference of one of the married ministers, for whom a circuit had not been provided, the Rev. William Pearson moved that a second minister be appointed to the Kempsey circuit in consideration of the circuit receiving a grant of £60 and raising £20 towards the funds of the sustentation society.

The conference adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

THE QUEENSLAND CONFERENCE.

ENGLISH EDUCATION ACT.

DUO-CENTENARY OF JOHN WESLEY'S BIRTH.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

At the Methodist Conference to-day the Rev. W. Faulkner gave notice of the following motion,—"We the members of the Queensland Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia, sincerely appreciating as we do the religious equality secured to us under the Constitution of the Commonwealth, desire to express our deep sense of the grave injustice inflicted upon our fellow religionists of all the Nonconformist churches of England and Wales by the passing of the Education Act, and assure them of our intense sympathy with them in their struggles for religious freedom; and we shall watch that struggle with keen interest." Notice was given by Dr. Youngman of a resolution providing for special services being held on or about June 14 in order to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley; also that special offerings be invited towards the loan fund. A motion was also tabled by the Rev. J. Williams that the conference view with deep concern Sunday railway excursions, and asking for the appointment of a deputation to wait on the railway authorities in connection with this matter.

GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—It must be noticed by all your readers the intense feeling displayed by the contractors and master builders over the minimum wage and day-labour system adopted and carried to such extremes by the present Government. Briefly they consider it a usurpation by the Government of their freedom to conduct their businesses in a legitimate manner and undue and unwarrantable interference with private enterprise.

Now, Sir, I should like to ask where this interference with private enterprise is to stop. The Sydney Harbour Trust are at present engaged in conducting the business of bonded and free warehouse keepers in active competition to the old and long established bonds of Sydney, many of whom are actually tenants of the trust. For over two years the trust have been working the large stores on Reid's Federal Wharf for the purpose of storing general merchandise. In the beginning of 1902 these stores were turned into bonds. I have not heard of any effort being made to let or lease them, and on no occasion have tenders been called. Within the last few months the trust took over the running of Parbury's Bonded and Free Stores. In this case tenders were called for the letting of these premises, but the trust alleged that the highest tender was not enough to induce them to let the stores.

Now I maintain the fact of large tenders not being received for Parbury's Bonded and Free Stores clearly proved the business of running public stores is not one that tempts business men to undertake its responsibilities, and does not augur well for the prosperity of those who have been so many years in that line. I think there are few bonded and free storekeepers who would not like the Government to resume the whole of their business in Sydney, and give a fair valuation to them as compensation.

But for the trust to actively compete with its own tenants (and I am prepared to prove that the competition is very severe) is most unjust, and acts in a crushing way on those who have so many years carried on this business. It is just possible that some of the large importing houses say it is the means of getting them cheaper storage, but would it not be just as reasonable for the Government to establish an immense dry-goods house for the purpose of giving us cheaper clothes?

I trust, Sir, you will publish this letter with the object of ventilating what is a great hardship, and one more instance of that detestable policy of State socialism which is doing so much to stifle legitimate business and to make the name of this Government a byeword both near and far.

I am, &c., VERITY.

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The opening of the sanatorium, King's Tableland, Wentworth Falls, is illustrated in this week's "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

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MARRIAGES.

ANDERSON—CORNWELL.—January 27, 1903, at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, Redfern, by the Rev. T. J. Curtis, Ross, eldest son of Mr. James Anderson, of Bathurst, to Clarice Ruby, second daughter of Mr. Isaac Cornwell, of White Cliffs, Broken Hill, N.S.W.

MAGNUS—ALLAN.—November 26, 1902, at Claremont, Allen-street, Glebe Point, by the Rev. J. T. Main, M.A. (uncle of the bride), Dr. Frank Douglas Magnus to Ettie, daughter of the late R. N. Allan, of Sydney.

DEATHS.

FIRTH.—February 25, at his residence, Flinders-street, Wollongong, Walter Gray Firth, of pneumonia, aged 45 years.

FOSTER.—December 24, 1902, in Dugandan, Queensland, at the residence of her daughter (Mrs. Joseph Hume), Lucy Ann Foster, relict of the late John Henry Foster, and daughter of the late Robert Collett, of Bourton-on-the-Water, Gloucestershire, England, in the 80th year of her age.

MORONEY.—February 26, at her parents' residence, 94 Womerah-avenue, Darlinghurst, Doris, only beloved daughter of Thomas W. and Nellie Moroney, after a long and painful illness, aged 8 years and 10 months. R.I.P. By request, no flowers.

IN MEMORIAM.

CALLAGHAN.—In memory of my beloved son, John, died February 27, 1902. Inserted by his mother, J. Callaghan, North Sydney.

COLE.—In loving memory of Henry Cole, who passed away February 26, 1901. Deeply regretted. Inserted by his wife and family.

LEES.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, Andrew Lees, who was "called home," February 27, 1902, aged 46 years.

Not gone from memory, not gone from love,
But gone unto his Father's home above.

Inserted by his loving wife and children.

M'GUARR.—In loving memory of my dear husband, William M'Guarr, who departed this life February 27th, 1902, at his residence, Q.C.P., Corunna-road, Petersham. Inserted by his loving wife, Ellen M'Guarr. At rest.

RAWLINGS.—In loving memory of my dear wife and our loving mother, Sarah Rawlings, who departed this life February 27th, 1900.

We miss thee from our home, dear mother.
We miss thee from thy place;
A shadow o'er our life is cast,
We miss the sunshine of thy face.
We miss thy kind and loving hand,
Thy fond and earnest care,
Our home is dark without thee;
We miss thee everywhere.

Inserted by her loving husband, James Rawlings, and daughters.

VEEN.—In loving memory of our little daughter, Amy, who departed this life February 26th, 1902.

Another little form asleep,
And a little spirit gone.

Inserted by her ever sorrowing father and mother, James and Amy Veen.

VEEN.—In sad memory of our little treasure, who passed away February 27th, 1902.

Sleep on in thy beauty,
Thou sweet angel babe.

Inserted by her ever sorrowing grandmother and grandfather, Mrs. and Mr. Pointing, and Uncle Alf.

WEBBER.—In loving memory of my dear husband, John Webber, who departed this life February 27, 1901. Inserted by his loving wife and children. "Sweet Jesus have mercy on his soul."

WEBBER.—In loving remembrance of my dear father, John Webber, who departed this life on February 27, 1901. Inserted by his loving daughter, Gertrude Clinton.

WEBBER.—In loving memory of my dear father, John Joseph Webber, who departed this life February 27th, 1901. Sweet Jesus, grant him eternal rest. Inserted by his loving son, George A. Webber.

RETURN THANKS.

MOLONEY.—Mrs. E. MOLONEY and FAMILY desire to return sincere THANKS to her many friends, also to the officers of the Metropolitan Police Force, for their kindness and sympathy to her in the recent sad loss of her late dearly beloved husband, Constable Edward Moloney.

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REFORM IN VICTORIA.

The situation in Victoria just now with regard to the question of constitutional reform is such as may be described as critical, and of course the stages of that question are interesting to us since we have the same problem before us. The position as between Ministers and the opponents of their reform policy is easily stated. We know the circumstances under which the public demand for reform in Victoria came to a head, and how a general election stamped the Irvine proposals with public approval. Under constitutional government there is, or should be, no other court of appeal, and the decision of that court is usually regarded as final. But in Victoria there are complicating circumstances. The Assembly may appeal to the electors, but the Legislative Council, being also an elective Chamber, has the same right of appeal. The qualification differs, but the right is the same. The Council has chosen to disagree with the reform proposals of Ministers in certain details, and that House claims the same right of appeal to the electors which the Assembly enjoys. We have avoided such a possibility as that in this State by keeping the Council a nominee body. It can oppose the Cabinet of the day if it should choose to do so, but it cannot appeal to a specially qualified constituency of voters to uphold it in its attitude. Viewed just in this way, therefore, the situation in Victoria is more than usually interesting. But the immediate question in the neighbouring State, so far as the consummation of reform is concerned, resolves itself into the exceedingly simple one as to how far the Council is justified in depending on its constituents' support in the course on which it has entered. If the late general election proved anything it showed that there existed a widespread desire for reform on the Irvine lines. It is true that these were a little amplified when the bill was printed, and the fact shows how desirable it is that reformers in the other States should give as little opening for technical opposition and delay as possible. But the new features were accepted by the Council. The broad principle laid down by the electorates was that reform was desirable, and we now find that the Council has delayed it. The situation suggests the familiar proposition about the results of contact between an irresistible force and an immovable body. One Government supporter, indeed, advised the Assembly to yield to the Council, "otherwise the House would be landed in a cul de sac, as there was no power to coerce the Council."

The provisions in the Irvine scheme of reform to which the Legislative Council has taken objection include womanhood suffrage, which the Federal Parliament has adopted. The States are also adopting this principle, and if Victoria should prove recalcitrant on the point it will be a matter for surprise. Then the Council objected to the clause in the bill fixing its membership at 28, and demanded a Council of 43 members. The Upper House also took exception to the proposal to dissolve that Chamber when the reform measure was adopted, as well as to the power to make a single suggestion with regard to money bills, to the alteration of electorates, and to the double dissolution and joint sitting. The Assembly, led by the Ministry, disagreed with these objections, and only consented to modify its proposals in the direction of fixing a salary for the representative of the Civil servants in the Council, and allowing the presence of two Ministers in the Council. So the matter stands, and it will be seen that the Premier and his colleagues have taken the only course open to them and accepted the challenge offered by the Council. Mr. Irvine's remarks on the situation were plain and to the point. He said in effect that the Council by its amendments tested the sincerity of the advocates of reform in the Assembly. He insisted that the action of the other House proved its non-representative character. But what the people of Victoria have now to face is the prospect of an indefinite postponement of reform until the quarrel between the two Houses is adjusted.

SIR WILLIAM LYNE AND DAY LABOUR.

Any other public man than Sir William Lyne might have been placed in a difficult position by the deputation which waited on him on Wednesday in Melbourne in regard to the day labour question. There appears to be a not unwarranted fear in some quarters that this principle may be applied to the construction of federal works, and that private enterprise may be interfered with on an even larger scale than is the case now. We may accept the fact that the deputation actually did make it its business to wait on the Minister as an indication of the feeling of employers and builders of the Commonwealth on the subject, and the instances the speakers were able to quote may be left to speak for themselves. The Minister for Home Affairs, of course, is no novice in regard to the matter, for in this State he had something to do with the inception of the day labour system. To ask him, therefore, to check any tendency towards its adoption so far as federal works may be concerned was perhaps going too far, and both the Minister and the deputation are to be sympathised with up to a certain point. Sir William Lyne had to defend his previous attitude and at the same time placate his interviewers, while they had to state their case without offending the susceptibilities of one of the foremost advocates of day labour. But the case was considerably simplified for everybody, it must be admitted, by the sensible position taken up by the vice-president of the Federated Master Builders' Association. Its members' contention briefly was, he said, that they had the right to compete for the carrying out of public works.

Sir William Lyne did not dispute that simple proposition. He preferred to get round it by the argument that up to the present nearly all the work required for the Commonwealth had been carried out by the various States. He did not, he said, feel disposed to dictate to the States how they should carry out the work. While he was quite ready to admit that the day labour system is open to some abuses, he was not convinced that the principle was wrong. Even the instances of wastefulness in cost adduced by the deputation failed to convince him, and he seems to have regarded them as sufficiently met by an assurance that he would have some of the statements tested. But that hardly meets the case put before the Minister by the deputation, and it certainly conveys no reply to the plea of Mr. Swanson, that contractors had a right to offer their services for the carrying out of public works. That is a claim that admits of a clear answer, yes or no. We can readily understand that the Minister for Home Affairs is in no hurry to give it, and that it is much easier for him to employ someone to examine into the merits of the statements made before him than to furnish an answer on the simple case stated off hand. But there is such a thing as a straight answer to a plain question, and this requirement is certainly not met by Sir William Lyne raising the quite foreign question as to whether the time is ripe or not for the creation of a complete Commonwealth Works Department.

WHAT IS THE SECURITY?

What is the real security we have to offer to our British and other creditors? Upon this question there seems to be a misunderstanding in several directions. A comparison is frequently made between the amount of our State indebtedness and the indebtedness of Great Britain, and the purposes for which the borrowed money has been expended. By some we are reminded that our public debt is much larger per head of the population than the public debt of Great Britain, which is true. Then again we are reminded that whereas most of our loans have been spent upon public works which yield some return, and most of which add to the earning power of the community, the greater part of England's loans have been spent upon powder and shot, in return for which there is no tangible asset. It is fair enough to say that if the cost of the class of works carried out by private enterprise in England and constructed here at the cost of the State were included in the comparison, the indebtedness of Great Britain would be at least threefold the amount of her national debt. But it is not fair to assume that because there is no apparently tangible asset to show for the money borrowed it has yielded no return. Some of Great Britain's wars may have been mistakes, but taking them altogether they have unquestionably added to the country's prestige, and facilitated the extension of its trading operations. Then again it is a very material point that the larger part of Great Britain's public creditors are within her own borders, so that the periodical interest comes out of the pockets of the local taxpayer and finds its way into the pockets of the local trader in exchange for goods and services. When we come to New South Wales and to Australia generally, we have to remember that if we add to our public indebtedness to Great Britain and other countries the municipal and private indebtedness for foreign advances, we shall probably find that the total is nearly doubled. The interest on the whole amount has to be met out of the net production of the year, or the part which is not so met has to be added to the principal.

When we speak of New South Wales as a borrower we have to think of the State, in commercial phraseology, as a going, or rather as one of a series of going concerns, the financial position of any one of which directly affects the others. Hence it is of little use to make out a list of our tangible assets, and by placing opposite to them the cost of construction, or the price for which we estimate they could be sold, to show that they are worth more than twice as much as our public debt. We are not going to sell them, even if we could. Moreover, we have to place against this supposed balance in our favour the very large sums which have been taken from revenue to meet the interest on the cost of our railways, and the large amounts from land sales which have been used as ordinary revenue. Thinking of the country as a going concern it is obvious that the real security is the net earning power of the community, and this is why our private indebtedness must be reckoned with as well as the public debt. Even in the case of a private loan on mortgage the security is the whole of the property of the borrower, and the actual property mortgaged is by way "of further securing" the repayment of the advance. And in these cases the rent-producing power of the property, and to some extent the character of the borrower, are taken into account. When a corporation borrows it is upon the security of the rates, and the value of this security rises or falls with the earning power of the ratepayers, which affects the value of the property assessed, and therefore the amount realised by the rates. When the State borrows, no particular assets are pledged; but the real security, as we have said, is the earning power of the people. This is, of course, understood by economists. It should be understood by financiers, though their interest often lies in making a profit out of a loan, even though it may involve the State further than is wise at the time.

By the great body of the electors the nature of the security we have to offer and its bearing upon our financial position is apt to be overlooked. They are likely to be lulled into a false assurance of safety when they read official figures showing that our so-called assets far exceed our liabilities. It is hardly necessary to remind them that an estate may be able to show a surplus of assets on paper and yet be unable to pay its way. If, as a going concern, it cannot pay its way we know that it is in an unsafe if not in an unsound position. It is precisely the same with the State. As Mr. Carnegie and others before him have pointed out, the two things that attract capital are population and raw material. Our increase of population is not large, and the real earning power of the people has not been materially enlarged, for the fictitious increase occasioned by the minimum wage and similar restrictions has diminished rather than added to the net value of production. There is a material difference between attracting capital by the facilities we can offer for its profitable employment and bringing it in by means of loans for which the lenders can dictate their own terms. Whichever way we look at the subject it brings before us the imperative need of living within our income, and of so adjusting our taxation and our expenditure that the net earning power of the people may be increased. This is why the present position of the New South Wales finances is a matter of grave concern to all who look beneath the surface.

THE ARLTUNGA GOLDFIELDS.

It is sincerely to be hoped that the discovery of gold in Arltunga will be productive of good and permanent results. South Australia has a reassuring record in this respect. When its fortunes were low half a century and more ago came the discovery of the existence of copper. Later, South Australians were at their wits' end to find something to justify their existence, and the Broken Hill repository of silver was laid bare by some fortunate boundary riders and others, and South Australia benefited. And now we have the reported discovery of valuable gold mines in Arltunga, in the Northern Territory of South Australia. Arltunga is about half-way between Adelaide and Palmerston, and a visit to it means a long railway journey to Oodnadatta; and thence for the 400 miles which separate one from Arltunga one has to travel by the fortnightly mail coach or by the more frequent camel service. The coach has this advantage that it covers the ground under a fortnight, whilst the camels cannot be induced to reduce the record of three weeks or so. But distance is no obstacle to gold-seekers. They swarmed California and Victoria and Alaska in our own days, reckoning little of the trouble of getting to the source of infinite wealth. Conveniences of travel came afterwards; meanwhile prospectors and diggers got to their destination how they could. But Arltunga seems to be very much out of the world. The Government Geologist, who is being sent up to report specially to the South Australian Government on the field, reckons that it will take him at least two months before he can return and hand in his report. He is familiar with the ground, and last year it took him nearly a month to reach Arltunga from Adelaide.

For some time now hopes have been entertained that in the Northern Territory of South Australia, and in the centre of the continent generally, there would be discoveries of mineral wealth which would turn the wilderness into a busy series of towns. The time is not yet ripe to pronounce on the richness or otherwise of the Arltunga fields, which have, it may be mentioned, been the object of particular attention at the hands of the South Australian Government for some years past. So far back as 1896 the Government Geologist was directed to inspect the Arltunga goldfield in order to ascertain the condition of the industry, and last year he mentioned, with regard to one of the mines, "the extraordinary number of auriferous outcrops that are spread about within a short distance of one another." Since then visible gold is reported from nearly every quarter of the field. Nuggets of value are found in unexpected places. A place known as Paddy's Goose Hill seems to be the favoured resting place of these nuggets. They are, we are told, found here in the roots of trees, and the inhabitants pave their roadways, not with good intentions, but with metal obtained from boulders which contain gold. All these stories want verification, but if they are borne out by facts there is nothing inherently improbable in the statement that Arltunga will be as well known soon to the public as Coolgardie. After all we are only beginning to understand the potentialities of the continent. Places familiar by name to the world to-day were unknown a few years ago. We have been taught to regard the centre of Australia as a desert, just as we were taught in bygone years to look upon Broken Hill and the Coolgardie-Kalgoorlie region as rather poor stock country. Those who come after us may perhaps have reason to despise our lack of enterprise in the matter of exploiting our own territory. Meanwhile we shall be glad to have confirmed by uninterested experts such statements as that the Arltunga goldfields contain "thousands of tons of milling ore to be had for the quarrying."

THE COUNTRY FIRE BRIGADES.

Yesterday a deputation waited on Sir John See to bring under his notice the disabilities under which country fire brigades labour, and to ask for an increase of the grant in aid, or rather the vote for the grant, from £1000 to £4000. There is a wide difference between the two sums, but, as the deputation explained, Parliament has been in the habit of granting the larger sum. It is also worthy of note that the deputation urged the early introduction of the amending Fire Brigades Bill. It cannot be denied that, on the face of things, the deputation made out a good case. If £1000 are provided where £4000 were required and spent before, it needs no arithmetician to see that there will be dissatisfaction somewhere. Instances were quoted by the deputation to show the perils run in country towns when fire broke out, and there was found inadequate provision for its extinction. Mr. Brunker, who adduced one such instance, frankly declared that it was scarcely fair that the subsidy to the country brigades should be cut down to such an enormous extent as to render their work in the future almost impracticable. Sir John See's answer was as might have been expected in some respects, though it carefully avoided the question of the marked decrease in the amount of subsidy. He explained that under the existing Act any municipality with a fire brigade could obtain two-thirds of the brigade's cost by contributing one-third itself, the insurance companies and the Government finding the remaining sum. The trouble was that the municipalities showed no desire to come in under the Act. Perhaps the amending Fire Brigades Bill, which the Premier promises for next session, may be found able to meet the case. It is to be hoped that it will prove so, for the dangers of fire in country towns are too unpleasantly obvious to need dwelling on.

The Chief Justice.—Sir Frederick Darley has applied for an extension of leave for six months. It was announced some time ago that he had been appointed a member of the Royal Commission to inquire into the Boer war, and in view of the fact that a further request has been made by the Imperial Government that his services should be retained in England until the completion of the Commission, which will not be for some time to come, it has been decided to grant the leave so as to enable him to carry out the duties entrusted to him. The Premier stated yesterday that the selection of Sir Frederick as one of the Commission may be regarded as a high compliment to the State of New South Wales.

Commonwealth Flag.—The design for the flag of the Commonwealth of Australia, as approved by the King, is reproduced in the Commonwealth "Gazette." In a despatch to the Governor-General the Secretary of State for the Colonies says:—"The State flags should in general be flown only by State Governors or State Government vessels. In the case of merchant vessels the Commonwealth flag alone should be used, but, perhaps, as a measure of convenience, merchant vessels might be allowed to continue to fly their State flags until the passing of a Commonwealth Navigation Act."

Brisbane Customs Case.—In the Brisbane Supreme Court yesterday the hearing of the Customs prosecution, Kingston versus Robert Reid and Co., Limited, which opened on Monday was continued. The whole day was occupied in reading evidence taken on commission in Melbourne and London, and in further adding to the number of documentary exhibits. So far, the Judge's associate, Mr. G. B. W. Hillpot, has 103 exhibits in his custody. At the opening of the proceedings the foreman represented that the jurors were inconvenienced by having to transact their private business at night. In the circumstances he asked for increased fees. Mr. Justice Cooper ordered that the fees be fixed at £3 3s per day. The counsel for the Crown claim to have broken the back of their task. They have seven or eight witnesses to call, but unless the cross-examination is lengthy these should be disposed of in two days.

Western Lands Commissioners.—Now that the Western Lands Commissioners have completed their task of fixing the provisional rentals of land held by tenants of the Crown in the Western Division, those officers are making arrangements to traverse the whole of that vast area of country with a view of fixing the statutory rentals which are to hold good until revised. The area to be traversed amounts to about 80,000,000 acres, and roughly speaking it embraces a line of country with a mean depth of 650 miles, and a width of 350 miles. According to the Act the Commissioners have to complete the rentals before the end of 1904. They expect it will take them over eighteen months to complete their tour of the Western Division, and make a thorough examination of the different properties.

The Kembla Disaster Royal Commission.—The Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the cause of the disaster which occurred at the Mount Kembla Colliery on July 31 held another sitting yesterday in No. 2 Jury Court, Supreme Court. The morning was taken up with the evidence of Mr. S. H. Warburton, surveyor of the colliery, regarding the directions of force at the time of the explosion and in respect to the ventilation of the mine. In the afternoon the cross-examination of Mr. A. E. O. Sellors, manager of the South Bulli and Bellambi collieries, was resumed and concluded. The matters dealt with were of a severely technical character, and no fresh points of any consequence were brought out. The Commission adjourned until Monday.

Law Examination.—The following candidates have passed the intermediate law examination for solicitors. The names are arranged in order of merit:—J. G. Crowther, J. Adamson, P. E. Browne, N. C. Oakes.

San Francisco Mail Service.—Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, the managing agents for the Oceanic Steamship Company's A. and A. line, are in receipt of a cable message announcing the departure of the R.M.S. Sierra from San Francisco on the afternoon of Friday last. The Sierra was timetabled to leave on the previous day, but was detained awaiting the arrival of the British mails bearing the London date of February 7. The steamer is due at Honolulu to-day, Samoa on March 5, and Auckland on March 11, reaching Sydney on March 15. In the same line the R.M.S. Ventura will leave Sydney on Monday next a full ship. Most of the passengers are proceeding to England, and the list includes a number of Australians bent on tours "round the world."

The Accident to the Empire.—Additional particulars were received yesterday with reference to the serious collision between the new steamship Empire of the E. and A. Company's line and the Japanese steamer Hakusi Maru, of the fleet of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, reported in our shipping columns yesterday. It appears from a cable advice received by Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., the local agents for the Eastern and Australian S.S. Company, that the Empire was lying at anchor loading bunker coal at Moji when the accident occurred. Although the vessel was considerably damaged by the impact no one on board was hurt. As stated yesterday the repairs to the vessel will probably occupy a fortnight. The Empire, it will be remembered, arrived at Sydney some weeks ago on her maiden voyage and sailed for Japan on January 18.

Sailing of the Damascus.—The clipper-built Aberdeen line steamer Damascus will sail to-day at noon promptly from Dalgety's Wharf, Miller's Point, and will call at the usual ports en route to London. As the passenger season is now in full swing, a large gathering of passengers' friends will probably assemble to witness the departure of the vessel. Besides 20 saloon passengers there are about 95 in the third-class for South Africa and London. The cargo includes 2100 bales of wool, 6460 ingots of copper, 1450 ingots of tin, 2600 bars of bullion, 1500 bars of copper, 560 cases of kauri gum, 412 cases of pearlshell, and 350 crates of rabbits. The Damascus will at Melbourne load general and frozen cargo to her full capacity, and embark about 100 additional passengers. The following steamer, Nineveh, will be the first Aberdeen liner this season to call at Hobart for fruit.

Fine art china, clocks, pictures, and decorated statuettes will be sold at auction by S. H. Harris and Co. at their mart, Pitt-street, at 11 a.m. to-day.

A combined rail and steamer excursion to the Hawkesbury will be made to-morrow. Similar tickets will also be issued to Parkesvale (George's River) to-morrow by train leaving Sydney at 2.10 p.m.

The steamer Newcastle will leave the wharf at the foot of Market-street at 2 o'clock to-morrow for a trip to the Hawkesbury.

We have been requested to state that the committee of the Sydney and Suburban Master Bakers' Association has resolved to raise the price of bread ½d per 2lb. loaf on and after Monday next.

Mr. F. Montagu Rothery writes, pointing out that the lethal chamber erected by the City Council at Moore Park is used for the destruction of stray dogs, and directing the attention of owners of dogs to the Act of 1898, which provides that any stray dog not having a collar with the owner's name legibly engraved upon it, or any mastiff or bulldog not having also a muzzle, may be seized and destroyed.

"Justitia" writes condemning the action of the Government in calling for tenders for trucks for the purpose of drawing stone, cement, &c., to the Cataract Dam, now in course of construction. He adds:—"I know for a fact that the draymen and carriers have been waiting for months for this work, and have been doing anything at all to keep their stock alive and in working order in the hope of getting a share of this work. Now, when the work has been started, they are informed that the material is to be carried by traction engine. The farmers in this district are in a deplorable state, and even if carting by horse teams were to cost a little more (which is a question very open to argument), would it not be better to utilise their services than to see them have to let their horses starve at a serious time such as this?"

We have received from Messrs. E. Way and Co. their new autumn and winter "Fashions Book," which is a capitally illustrated little work, and they point out that this is the first issue of the fashion books of the season.

The R.A.A. Band will perform in Centennial Park this afternoon, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

The report of the Prince Alfred Hospital for the week ended February 21 is as follows:—Total number of beds, 236; number of in-patients at last report, 273; since admitted, 69; discharged, 63; died, 6; remaining in hospital on February 22, 273, number of out-patients treated during the week, 608; number of casualty cases treated but not admitted, 384; total, 992. There are 12 cases of typhoid in the wards.

TYPHOID FEVER.

THE COONAMBLE EPIDEMIC.

DEATH OF MR. E. C. FLOOD.

COONAMBLE, Thursday.

Mr. E. C. Flood, stock agent, died at the hospital last night from typhoid, making six deaths to date. Deceased was an alderman and a member of the hospital and P. and A. committees.

The trying weather of the past few days has tended to increase the number of cases. There are about 135 cases in the hospital, and 220 have been reported altogether. Five more nurses and a quantity of bedding from the Health Department arrived yesterday. The weather was milder this morning.

Up till this evening 230 cases of fever had been reported since the beginning of the year, including nine to-day. There are now 138 patients in the hospital, several having been admitted to-day. The deaths to date number seven. Patients now in the hospital seem to be getting on as well as can be expected. Several will be discharged cured during the next few days. The fever cases in town are reported to be getting well. It is generally thought here that the worst is over.

In view of the rumours that have been rife in Sydney as to the extent of the typhoid fever outbreak at Coonamble, Mr. H. Macdonald, M.L.A., sent a telegram to that place yesterday asking for authentic particulars. He received the following reply:—"230 cases reported since January, 43 since Saturday last. There are 138 now in the hospital. Seven deaths have been recorded, namely, two of the Miller family, George Caldwell, S. Baird, Thomas Taylor, Mrs. Wright, and Edward C. Flood, late of Quambone station. All the cases are more or less serious. Among the prominent townspeople are Messrs. Blackett, Caswell, Ibbott, Button (ex-Mayor and solicitor), Thurlow (gaol warder), Kelly (agent Wright, Heaton, and Co.), and Cummins (assistant C.P.S.). Five of the Ibbott family, four of the Flood family, and four of the Miller family are still in the hospital. Dr. Sheldon and Mrs. Osborne, wife of the manager of the Commercial Bank, are in Sydney. There is more absolute poverty in this town than ever was known before."

ORANGE, Thursday.

Typhoid is very rare this summer. Only two cases from Orange and East Orange are in hospital, though several from other localities are being treated there.

WALGETT, Thursday.

Twenty-one cases of enteric fever have been reported to the sanitary inspector; 19 of the patients are in the hospital and all are progressing favourably.

NARRABRI TO WALGETT LINE.

NARRABRI, Thursday.

Satisfactory progress is being made with the Narrabri to Walgett railway. The rails are now laid to a point about 15 miles from Wee Waa, or 39 miles from Narrabri. The total number employed on the work in connection with the line amounts to 500 men. Half a mile of rails are being laid down daily. This is considered a record for the number of men employed at this particular class of work. A large number of sleeper getters are finding work in the vicinity of Wee Waa and Cuttabri procuring sleepers, 60,000 being at the depot for the line at the present time. A siding is being put down from Tibereenah to the Namoi River for the purpose of securing gravel for the line, and 10,000 yards are to be removed. All the earthworks in connection with the railway are almost complete.

TO-DAY.

Methodist Conference: Centenary Hall, 9.30 a.m.
Brighton Races: First Event, 2.40 p.m.
Drought Relief Fund: Meeting Town Hall, Marrickville, 8 p.m.
Sydney and Suburban Mutual Permanent Building and Land Investment Association, Limited; Annual meeting, 118 Pitt-street, 4 p.m.
Ladies' Political Class: Queen Victoria Markets.
The Mutoscope: Royal Arcade and 74 Oxford-street.
Pawsi Recitals: Queen's Hall, 8 p.m.
Cyclorama: "Battle of Gettysburg," Illusions and Cinematograph, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Lyceum Theatre: "The Cotton King," 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre: New Vaudeville Company, 8 p.m.
Criterion Theatre: "Fun on the Bristol," 8 p.m.
Palace Theatre: "The Wrong Mr. Wright," 8.5 p.m.
Theatre Royal: The Players, "The Ironmaster," 8 p.m.

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PERSONAL.

Sir Joseph Ward, of New Zealand, was entertained by the members of the Federal Government at dinner at Parliament House, Melbourne, last night.

Mr. George E. Flower, who for the last 26 years has been choirmaster of St. Paul's, Redfern, and has resigned that position, was tendered a social on Tuesday in St. Paul's Hall, Redfern. The attendance was large, and an excellent programme of music was rendered. Presentations were made to Mr. Flower by Canon Boyce on behalf of the parishioners of a purse of sovereigns and a handsomely illuminated address, surrounded by 40 photographs of members of the choir, wardens, and the clergy of the parish. Mr. M'Gowen, M.L.A., in a short speech, spoke highly of Mr. Flower's services to the church. Mrs. Robertson, on behalf of the choir, presented Mr. Flower with a watch.

After eight years' residence in the Bowral district, the Rev. Father Rohan has been removed to take charge of St. Augustine's, Balmain, rendered vacant by the death of the Very Rev. Dean Healy. His successor is the Rev. Father Carrol, administrator of St. Benedict's Church, George-street West, Sydney.

Mr. Harry Cotterill, town clerk of Goulburn, died on Wednesday night, aged 56. He was born at Kensington, was appointed assistant town clerk in 1886, and town clerk in 1895.

A complimentary social was tendered to Bro. George Bell, P.G.M. of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, Manchester Unity, at the Railway Hotel, Wellington, on Wednesday evening. Many visiting brethren were in attendance, representing lodges from Narromine to Mudgee and Bourke. Bro. A. M. Jones, P.P.G.M., occupied the chair, and directed the proceedings. Kindred societies were also represented.

Mr. P. H. Matthews, accountant at the Wollongong branch of the E. S. and A. Bank, who has been appointed to an important position on the relieving staff of the Melbourne office, was entertained on Wednesday night by members of the Masonic fraternity, of which he is secretary, and presented with a handsome gold pencil-case and combination matchbox and sovereign case. The Rev. C. A. White, Messrs. R. Finlayson, E. Cupitt Lindsay, and others spoke highly of the services rendered to the craft by Bro. Matthews, and whilst congratulating that gentleman on his promotion, expressed deep regret at his departure from amongst them.

Mr. D. A. and Mrs. M'Donald, old and highly-respected residents of Wollongong, celebrated their golden wedding at their residence, Montrose, in that town, on Wednesday night. There was a large gathering of relatives and friends. Numerous presents and congratulatory letters were received.

Mr. Whysall, late post and telegraph master at Armidale, but who has been promoted to the charge of the Telephone Office at Sydney, was presented at Tattersall's Hotel, Armidale, by the Mayor on behalf of the citizens with an illuminated address and piece of plate in recognition of the manner in which he carried out his duties there.

Mr. James Waters, the oldest pioneer and a highly respected resident of the Wyong district for the past 40 years, died last night. The deceased was confined to his bed for the past eight months.

Yesterday Miss Sly, matron at Thirlmere Consumptive Home, who is leaving the institution, was given handsome presentations from the inmates and staff and from her lady friends in the district. There was a large attendance, and regret was expressed at losing her.

Mr. John Smith, of Lower Portland, died on Wednesday at the age of 92 years.

Mr. J. M'L. Robertson, who is about to relinquish his position, which he has held for nearly 30 years past, as manager of the Liverpool Paper Mill, to take up a similar position in connection with the Federal Paper Mill at Botany, has been presented with a gold chain and suitably inscribed medal by the employees of the former mill as a token of their esteem and good wishes.

Yesterday morning Mrs. Harriet Ward, relict of the late Mr. T. T. Ward, was buried in the Church of England section of the Waverley Cemetery. The Rev. S. S. Tovey read the funeral service, those present at the grave including Mr. T. W. C. Ward, Mr. H. E. Barff, Mr. H. C. L. Anderson, Mr. E. Burton, Mr. A. H. Starling, Mr. J. J. C. Bradfield, Mr. P. Proctor, Mr. H. Ford, and Mr. W. M'Kenzie. Many beautiful wreaths were laid upon the coffin, including one from the teachers of St. John's Sunday School, Glebe.

Mr. Alfred Bock, who held a responsible position in the firm of D. and W. Murray at Launceston, and was formerly with Messrs. Stevenson and Son, died yesterday at Launceston after a brief illness.

The staff of Messrs. Birt and Co., Limited, Macquarie-place, assembled at the offices of the firm recently to bid farewell to Mr. E. Hornby Spear on the occasion of his departure for Dunedin, N.Z. Mr. Spear was made the recipient of a handsome travelling-bag, suitably inscribed. He had been connected with the firm for nine years.

THE VICTORIAN PARLIAMENT.

THE COST OF EDUCATION.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the Legislative Assembly to-day the education estimates gave rise to a general discussion, in the course of which a demand was made for limitation in the interests of economy of the excessive number of subjects in the State school curriculum, and attention was drawn to the desirability of giving instruction in agricultural and horticultural subjects. A suggestion was made that the department might follow the New South Wales plan of requiring payment to be made by those who could afford it. The Chief Secretary considered that to do this would interfere with one of the cardinal principles of the Act.

Sir A. Peacock was very emphatic in expressing the view that no reduction was possible in the cost of education except at the expense of efficiency.

Matters in the Assembly were very dull. There was a desultory discussion of very little importance arising on the Estimates. The estimates of the Department of Agriculture were agreed to, and the House rose at 11.10.

In the Legislative Council to-day the debate on the second reading of the Income Tax Bill was continued.

The Income Tax Bill passed through all its stages, after considerable repugnance had been expressed by many members to its drastic character, and the House then adjourned.

SENTENCE ON A WOMAN HOUSEBREAKER.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Kate Porter, a young married woman, who at the Criminal Court had been convicted of housebreaking and of attempting to steal from a dwelling, was brought up for sentence to-day. Mr. Justice A'Beckett, addressing the prisoner, said: "If you had not committed perjury in this case—impudent and extreme perjury—I should have passed a lighter sentence. As it is, I can't pass over such perjury as yours. Persons must know that if they deliberately choose to call on God as a witness when in the dock, and then recklessly tell most absolute lies, their sentences will be increased. You would have got off more lightly had you not acted so. The sentence of the Court is 12 months' imprisonment for the first offence and six months for the other, the sentences to be cumulative."

INTER-STATE CRICKET.

VICTORIA v. SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The last of this season's inter-state matches between Victoria and South Australia, will be commenced to-day on the oval at Adelaide. The first match between these two States this season was played at Melbourne in the new year, and was won by Victoria by 179 runs. The batting features of the contest were the Australian record of 211 for the last wicket by Ellis (118) and Hastings (106 not out), and 134 by Hill in South Australia's first innings. Victoria in the first venture obtained 472, to which South Australia replied with 317. There was a big falling-off in the second innings of both sides, Victoria obtaining 164 and South Australia 140. In the second efforts of both sides some fine bowling was done by Travers and Reedman for South Australia and Armstrong (five for 20) for Victoria. South Australia so far has not won a match this season, having been defeated on each occasion by New South Wales. The teams for to-day are:—

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.	VICTORIA.
C. HILL	E. MOMFRIES
J. C. REEDMAN	F. LAVER
F. T. HACK	P. M'ALISTER
N. CLAXTON	F. COLLINS
J. TRAVERS	W. ARMSTRONG
G. GIFFEN	D. MAILER
C. JENNINGS	B. J. TUCKWELL
H. KIRKWOOD	H. GRAHAM
P. NEWLAND	J. V. SAUNDERS
A. GEHRS	M. ELLIS
F. JARVIS.	J. H. STUCKEY
Emergency, A. E. H. EVANS.	and E. E. BEAN.

The players very little known to the New South Wales public are Momfries, Bean, and Tuckwell. The last-mentioned was twelfth man against New South Wales, and played at Brisbane and gave a fine exhibition for a few runs short of a hundred. Momfries is the Melbourne Club wicket-keeper, and will take the place of Hastings. Bean plays for North Melbourne, and is a batsman and a bowler. Bruce, Noonan, and Hastings are the three who visited Sydney who are not in the Victorian team for to-day's match.

COMMONWEALTH NOTES.

SIR WILLIAM LYNE.

ALBURY, Thursday.

Sir William Lyne will deliver an address here on Tuesday, March 10.

VICTORIAN DAIRIES.

A difficulty has arisen in connection with importations by the local butter factory of cream from Victoria. The local health authorities are, of course, unable to enforce upon Victorian suppliers compliance with the dairy regulations imposed in the case of local dairies. The municipal council applied to the Board of Health for instructions, and that body in reply says that suppliers must, of course, be registered by the Albury authority, the factory being in its district. The local authority should inquire of the Victorian authorities as to the conditions of the premises, and as to compliance with the Act in the other State.

THE SUGAR REBATE QUESTION.

DIFFICULTY AS TO THE FINANCIAL DISTRIBUTION.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The question of the method of charging rebates of excise on sugar grown with white labour was fully considered by the Federal Cabinet to-day. Speaking after the Cabinet rose, Sir E. Barton said: "The subject presents peculiar difficulties of one sort and another, especially because of the difficulty of arriving at what the financial distribution is going to be. Rebates are allowed at the mills upon cane presented for crushing. After the cane is crushed there is no black or white about it. We are finding no difficulty in making rebate at the mills, because we have there the knowledge as to how it was produced. As time goes on cane that may have rebate allowed upon it goes into sugar, and then into consumption. The quantity consumed in the various States is only ascertained later on, and that is a matter that is creating a good deal of difficulty just now. The subject is to be further considered next week."

In reply to a request for further information on the subject Sir E. Barton said: "The Cabinet has not decided whether rebate is to be charged according to consumption. The matter is very complicated indeed. As the Constitution and the law stand it will be very difficult to turn the rebate provisions into bonus provisions, which would be the foundation of such action as Sir John See and Mr. Philp asked for, and if the thing can be done under the Constitution, it would not be done without fresh legislation, so far as we see at present. Nevertheless, the whole subject is to be taken carefully into review."

BRITISH NEW GUINEA.

CHIEF JUDICIAL OFFICER.

It is expected that the Federal Government will be able in a few days to designate a gentleman to succeed Sir Francis Winter as Chief Judicial Officer of British New Guinea. Until the New Guinea Government Act is passed such nomination will have to be sent to the Colonial Office for a formal appointment to be made. All that has been done so far is the substitution of the name of the Governor-General of the Commonwealth for the Governor of Queensland in letters patent relating to the territory. The Commonwealth cannot make an appointment direct until an Act is passed to constitute New Guinea a territory of the Commonwealth.

THE DELHI DURBAR.

Senator Sir Richard Baker has telegraphed to the Federal Premier that the report upon his visit to the Delhi Durbar will be forwarded next week.

QUEENSLAND ROLLS.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The work of collecting the names for the federal rolls is being pushed ahead rapidly. At present all the districts in south-east and along the coast in the southern division of the State are being covered by the police. Only a few refusals have been received from ladies who do not want their names on the roll.

We are requested to state that their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Tennyson's visitors' book is now available for signature at the Federal Government House.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

PERTH, Thursday.

The Minister for Mines has leased camels to several prospecting parties. Other parties are to be equipped shortly for a similar purpose.

The Government expect to take over the Canning to Jarrah private railway about May 1.

THE WEATHER.

Heavy thunderstorms passed over a small area in the extreme north-east corner of the State during Wednesday night, and at one station over 3 inches were recorded. The principal falls were:—

	Points.		Points.
Tabulam ..	322	Mullumbimby ..	72
Lismore ..	108	Byron Bay ..	45
Casino ..	95	Tweed Heads ..	71

Light rains also fell on the northern highlands, and a few scattered showers occurred elsewhere, the records being as follow:—Yetman 28, Tenterfield 3, Glen Innes 3, Wee Waa 1, Narrabri 1, Barraba 9, Woolgoolga 1, Armidale 15, Uralla 14, Manilla 12, Bendemeer 11, Gunnedah 4, Tamworth 7, Coonabarabran 1, Bundella 10, Quirindi 7, Nundle 7, Blackville 12, Murrurundi 12, Cassilis 4, Port Macquarie 5, Muswellbrook 1, Hill End 4.

Hot weather was again experienced in the interior yesterday. At Bourke the maximum shade reading of the thermometer was 102, and at Walgett 100 degrees was registered. The highest temperatures on Wednesday were:—Tabulam 105 degrees, Lismore 104, Mungindi, Casino 102, Mogil, Tenterfield 101, and Grafton and Pilliga 100.

Fine weather prevailed along the entire coast-line last night, but cloudy conditions were reported from all stations south of Crookhaven Heads. The winds, which were from the direction of S.E., were light in character, and smooth seas were running at all coastal stations.

Mr. Russell says that the weather to-day will be generally fine. He, however, anticipates unsettled conditions near the northern border with a few thunderstorms. Variable winds will be experienced.

QUEENSLAND RAINS.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Thunderstorms passed over the Downs last night. In the extreme south-eastern quarter beneficial rains have fallen. In some cases over 1 inch was recorded. Light to moderate rain is reported at a few stations in the north.

The principal rainfalls for the 24 hours ended 9 o'clock this morning are:—Cooktown 150 points, Walsh River 152, Allora 50, Bundaberg 56, Beenleigh 157, Bell 25, Boonah 50, Boonal 56, Cambooya 95, Chinchilla 57, Cleveland 90, Clifton 74, Colinton 100, Crow's Nest 59, Dalby 70, Dunmore 58, Dugandan 63, Esk Vale 69, Engelsburg 52, Forest Hill 108, Gatton 70, Gowrie Junction 55, Grandchester 52, Helidon 128, Hendon 120, Ipswich 52, Jimbour 58, Laidley 110, Leyburn 63, Lowood 20, Murphy's Creek 58, Nambour 60, Nobby 108, Oxenford 68, Palmwoods 80, Pratten 81, Sunnybank 55, Tallebudgera 61, Toowoomba 135, Woodford 220, Yandina 119, Oakey 57, Brisbane and suburbs 14 to 108.

VICTORIAN CUSTOMS PROSECUTION.

HEAVY FINE INFLICTED.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the District Court to-day, before Mr. Dwyer, P.M., the charge against Leah Abrahams (trading as H. Abrahams and Co., of Melbourne and Hatton Garden, England) by the Federal Customs authorities of making fraudulent invoices, was further proceeded with.

Mr. Dwyer, P.M., in a lengthy decision, said that the Customs Department had been in the habit of accepting "house-to-house" invoices as genuine. If the landing waiter was not satisfied with a house-to-house invoice the goods were detained until he was satisfied, but as far as the man at the counter was concerned all he wanted was the declaration. The practice had, however, been altered, and the department was now much more particular in that direction. If that was all that was contained in the charge he would have found for the defendant, but he had to decide whether the prices stated for the various articles in the invoices were the true market prices in the old country, and whether the declaration made was false. It had been proved to demonstration by many reputable witnesses from the largest houses in the State, and also in Sydney, that the goods could not be procured at anything like the prices they were invoiced at. On the whole of the evidence he felt convinced that the values had been understated, and would convict defendant. The defendant would be fined £50, to remain in gaol till the fine was paid.

Mr. Coldham announced his intention to appeal, and it was decided that the sum of £100 should be deposited by defendant as a recognisance to cover the verdict and costs. Twenty guineas costs were allowed the Crown.

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

SOUTH AFRICA.

LORD MILNER.

LONDON, Feb. 25.

The "Daily Mail" states that the health of Lord Milner, who has latterly been indisposed, has improved. He will leave for a short holiday in England after the conference at Bloemfontein in March.

LOYALIST BOERS' CHURCH.

LONDON, Feb. 25.

Loyalist Boers held an influential meeting at which pastors of the Western Transvaal attended. It was resolved to form a separate Church owing to the attitude of the Dutch Reformed Church.

VENEZUELA.

ARBITRATION MATTERS.

LONDON, Feb. 25.

"The Protocol of the Powers provides that the Hague International Tribunal shall begin to consider the preferential claims made by the Powers in regard to Venezuela on September 1, and shall decide the matter within half a year, also when, how, and by whom the costs of arbitration shall be paid.

THE BALKANS.

RUSSIA ADMONISHES THE PRINCIPALITIES.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

Russia has warned Bulgaria and Servia that not a drop of Russian blood will be shed on their behalf if they strive for a change in the government of the Balkans by revolutionary methods.

THE EDUCATION RATE.

DR. CLIFFORD WILLING TO BE MARTYRED.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

Addressing the Liberation Society yesterday the Rev. Dr. Clifford, the eminent Baptist divine, said that their forefathers went to prison in preference to paying the rate for the repair of Church fabrics, and he would go to gaol before he would pay the Church education rate.

[The determination of the more advanced section of Free Churches' members not to pay the education rate has been strengthened by a speech which Lord Rosebery delivered in receiving a deputation from the council of the Free Churches in December last. In the course of that speech Lord Rosebery said what the Nonconformists would do was no concern of his. He was not himself in favour of the refusal of the payment of rates; but then he was not in the position of the Nonconformists. If they submitted tamely to the enactments of the bill, in his judgment politically they would have ceased to exist, and if the country was prepared to submit to its principles they might give themselves up to an interminable reign of the principles associated with Lord Eldon and Lord Sidmouth.]

THE QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

The subscriptions to the Queen Victoria memorial amount to £230,000, but three times as much will be required to execute the original design.

The design for the Queen Victoria Memorial, to be erected in front of Buckingham Palace, was accepted in July of 1901 by the executive committee, and includes a monument 60ft. high, rising from a platform elevated 8ft. above the ground and 100ft. in diameter, flanked by basins, into which water will run. In the centre will rise a pyramidal structure with seated groups leading up to a great winged figure of Victory on the summit. Figures emblematic of Constancy, Courage, Justice, Truth, and Love surround Victory, and below facing the Mall will be the seated figure of Queen Victoria. The monument is the design of Mr. Thomas Brock. In front of Buckingham Palace important alterations of the roadway and space have been planned by Mr. Aston Webb.

REMARKABLE TRAGEDY.

A HOUSE WRECKED.

THROATS OF HUSBAND AND WIFE CUT.

A SON BLOWN TO PIECES.

LONDON, Feb. 25.

A house at Ramsgate, Kent, has been wrecked by an explosion of guncotton.

The premises were occupied by Henson, a bricklayer. He and his wife were found with their throats cut. They are in a critical condition. A son was blown to pieces.

The wife had summoned her husband for separation, and the husband is suspected of being the author of the tragedy.

DUTCH RAILWAY STRIKE.

STATIONS OCCUPIED BY SOLDIERS.

LONDON, Feb. 25.

Soldiers occupy the Dutch railway stations, and have been furnished with ball cartridges.

PROVIDING A REGULAR SERVICE.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

Dr. Kuyper, the Dutch Premier, has introduced into the States General a bill forming a railway brigade, for the purpose of supplying a regular service in case of strikes.

Dr. Kuyper has promised to institute an inquiry into railway grievances.

On February 23 it was cabled that the Dutch railway employees proposed to go on strike to prevent the adoption of a bill prohibiting railway strikes. Workmen's unions, representing 90,000 men, will support the strike.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

ANOTHER SYSTEM.

LONDON, Feb. 25.

Sir Oliver Joseph Lodge and Dr. Alexander Muirhead have invented a new system of ethergrams, which it is stated exceed Signor Marconi's messages in accuracy.

Sir Oliver Joseph Lodge has been Principal of the University of Birmingham since 1900. He has published several scientific works, including one on signalling without wires.

CRICKET.

WIDENING THE WICKET.

LONDON, Feb. 25.

K. S. Ranjitsinhji strongly disapproves the widening of the wicket. He eulogises the Australian methods of bowling on true pitches "teaching us that something more than mere length is requisite to obtain wickets on good, dry, hard pitches." On account of the unreliableness of the English climate, he is opposed to the change in regard to widening the wicket, which, moreover, he states, is only tinkering with the laws of the game.

ARNOTT'S MILK ARROWROOTS sustain and nourish growing children; being light and easily digested, they are especially suitable during hot weather.—Advt.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

THE IRISH LAND QUESTION.

LARGE FREE GRANT WANTED.

HOME RULE STILL REMAINS.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

In the House of Commons last night, on the resumption of the debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne,

Mr. J. E. Redmond (Nationalist, Waterford City) moved an amendment appealing to the Government to seize the unexampled opportunity of settling the Irish land difficulty on the lines of the Dublin Conference. He warned Mr. George Wyndham, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, that the State would be expected to make a free grant of the difference between the sum the tenants were willing to pay and the sum the landlords would accept.

Mr. John Morley (Liberal, Montrose District) estimated that to carry out the scheme proposed by the Dublin Conference a free grant of £22,000,000 and a loan of £100,000,000 would be required. It was possible that economies in administration would largely recoup the State for the free grant, which he believed would not cost more than £50,000 a year. Even if the land question was settled, there would still remain the question of Home Rule.

Mr. George Wyndham, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, declined to make a premature pronouncement on the subject of his land bill. He referred sympathetically to the Dublin Conference as encouraging the hope that Ireland's despondency would be removed.

Mr. W. O'Brien (Nationalist, Cork City) said that the adoption of the compromise proposed by the Conference would remove the last obstacle to Home Rule by creating a United Ireland.

The amendment was withdrawn.

THE IMPORTATION OF STORE CATTLE.

Mr. R. J. Price (Liberal, East Norfolk) moved an amendment urging the Government to repeal the regulation providing for the exclusion of Canadian store cattle.

Mr. R. W. Hanbury, the President of the Board of Agriculture, opposed the amendment, and declared that 99 per cent. of the British farmers were opposed to the change.

The amendment was negatived by 190 votes to 38.

Many store cattle are shipped from Ireland for fattening in England. The importation of Canadian stores would interfere to a great extent with the trade of the Irish graziers.

AUSTRALIAN FINANCE.

PUBLIC WORKS POLICY.

DEFENCE BY MR. H. B. LEFROY.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

Mr. H. B. Lefroy, the Agent-General for Western Australia, in a letter to the "Morning Post," justifies the construction of public works by the Australian Governments, which, he says, are practically trading corporations.

Mr. Lefroy ridiculed Mr. H. W. Wilson's allegations of wanton extravagance and repudiation.

DEFENDED BY THE VICTORIAN GOVERNOR.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the course of a speech at Romsey the State Governor, Sir George S. Clarke, referred to the violent attack which had been made in a London newspaper on the financial position of the Australian States. It was, he remarked, said that Australia was rushing on disaster. If it were correct such a statement would at once lead to a panic, and if not correct then no opportunity should be lost of firmly denying it. He had taken the pains to put a few figures together, which were sufficiently conclusive, he thought, in showing that as far as Victoria was concerned the attack was totally unwarranted, and could only have been made under a total misconception of Victoria's true position.

GOVERNOR OF MALTA.

LONDON, Feb. 25.

Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke has been appointed Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Malta in succession to Lord Grenfell.

Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke is 64 years of age, and has been Quartermaster-General to the Forces since 1899. From 1893 to 1898 he was Commander-in-Chief at Madras.

MR. EDWARD LLOYD'S AUSTRALASIAN TOUR.

LONDON, Feb 26.

Mr. Edward Lloyd, the famous English tenor, who is a passenger for Australia by the R.M.S. China, which left on February 19, states that his programme of 16 concerts in Australia and 10 in New Zealand will be extended if desired.

Mr. Lloyd will open his Australian season in Melbourne on Easter Saturday.

SILVER.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 1s 10 3-16d per ounce standard.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, Feb. 25.

Russia has asked the United States to co-operate with the other Powers in stopping the illegal importation of arms into China.

Feb. 26.

The Bombay Port Trust recommends the construction of a dock covering 50 acres, at a cost of £3,000,000.

Sir Henry Norman, Governor of Chelsea Hospital, and formerly Governor of Queensland, is suffering from a slight shock, the result of overwork.

TENDERING FOR PUBLIC LOANS.

POSITION OF BROKERS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

After permission had been given to-day at the morning call to members of the Stock Exchange to tender for the forthcoming Board of Works 4 per cent. loan, the chairman (Mr. W. J. Roberts) intimated that the board had written, notifying that brokerage would be allowed to members of recognised Stock Exchanges. The only question then raised was whether members would have the opportunity of discussing any action that might be contemplated by the Exchange in respect to New Zealand loans. The chairman stated in reply that, with Mr. John M'Whae, he had seen Sir Joseph Ward, Colonial Secretary of New Zealand, and had asked him that commission should be allowed by the New Zealand Government to members of recognised Stock Exchanges who might take up bonds issued by that State. To that application Sir Joseph Ward, without making a definite promise, had given a favourable answer, and had said that he would use his influence with Mr. Seddon in the matter. In the opinion of one member, however, any engagement on the part of the Stock Exchange with respect to the present issue of New Zealand stock was a matter which members of the Exchange ought to be given an opportunity to review. The view taken by him was that it was highly important to keep as much money in the State for our own security as was possible. Members ought therefore to discourage the sending of capital out of it. This suggestion did not meet with much endorsement by members.

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THE UNITED STATES.

ARREST OF AN ANARCHIST.

ALARMING STATEMENTS.

AN ASSASSINATION CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

The New York police have arrested a man named Frank Hirtzel, who boasts that he was acquainted with Czolgolz, the murderer of President M'Kinley.

Hirtzel confesses that he is one of five anarchists who were selected by New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and Paterson socialists to attend the anarchist conference to be held in Paris on March 25.

American newspapers declare that the assassination of most of the European rulers is contemplated by the members of the conference.

THE ALASKAN BOUNDARY.

THE APPOINTMENT OF PARTISAN COMMISSIONERS.

"ONE FAIR-MINDED MAN" REQUIRED.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

A high United States Government official, in referring to Canada's objection to the appointment of Senators Lodge and Turner to the Alaskan Boundary Commission, on the ground of their partisan leanings, declares that any citizen of the United States granting any part of Canada's claims with regard to the delimitation of the boundary would be unable to live in the country.

The United States, the official added, only consented to the commission hoping to find one fair-minded man on the other side.

The New York "Evening Post" declares that Mr. E. Root, the Minister for War, Senator Lodge, and Senator Turner were appointed Alaskan Boundary Commissioners by political necessity to induce the Senate to ratify the Convention.

Otherwise, the paper adds, President Roosevelt would have preferred to appoint well-known geographers, not partisans.

STRIKERS USE FIREARMS.

ENCOUNTER WITH LAW OFFICERS.

TEN DEATHS.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

An encounter has occurred at Charleston, Virginia, between 250 miners on strike and 100 Federal officers.

The miners were armed with Winchester rifles and resisted the endeavours of the federal officers to serve injunctions upon them.

Several minutes firing ensued, and in the melee three strikers were killed, six others were fatally wounded, and three were badly injured; while one of the officers was killed and two others were wounded.

Forty of the strikers, who are chiefly foreigners, have been arrested.

VICTORIA.

SHOCKING CRUELTY TO A HORSE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the City Court to-day Mr. Panton, P.M., dealt with a charge against Albert Roth and Herbert Fenton of gross cruelty to a horse. The animal belonged to Fenton and Roth, who were found driving it along the street with winkers arranged in such a way as to attract the attention of the police. On the removal of the winkers it was found that one of its eyes had been knocked out, exposing a patch of raw flesh 3in. in circumference. The horse had been worked in this state for several weeks. Mr. Panton said it was the worst case of cruelty to animals that ever came before the Court. He fined Fenton £10, in default two months', and fined Roth £5, in default one month.

RATES OF EXCHANGE.

The Melbourne banks have altered the rates of exchange for drafts on London by raising the selling premium and reducing the buying discount to the extent of 2s 6d per cent. Telegraphic transfers are unaltered.

MILITARY ENCAMPMENT.

Arrangements are being made for the Victorian military forces to go into camp at Sunbury from Good Friday to Easter Monday inclusive.

THE INJURED JOCKEY.

The jockey E. Watson, who was severely injured by the fall with Sandstone in the hurdle race at Geelong yesterday, passed a very bad night in the Geelong Hospital, but is slightly better this morning.

A BYE ELECTION.

The nomination of candidates for the vacancy in the Legislative Assembly in the electorate of Anglesey caused by the resignation of Mr. M. K. M'Kenzie closed this evening. The following were nominated:—Messrs. Arthur Cookson, of Acheron, auctioneer; James Edward Fenton, of Broadford, journalist; and Thomas Hunt, of Kilmore, journalist.

IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION.

In the District Court to-day the Customs Department proceeded against H. E. Batt, master of the steamer Ajax, for allowing two Chinese to enter the Commonwealth contrary to the provisions of the Immigration Restriction Act. The facts were that the Ajax arrived here on December 8 from Eastern ports with a Chinese crew of 35. Every possible precaution was taken to prevent the Chinese leaving the vessel, but when the Ajax was making ready for departure and the crew was mustered it was found that two Chinese were missing. All efforts made to trace them have been unsuccessful, though £8 has been spent in the work. The Bench imposed a fine of £3 in each case, with £2 2s costs.

AMALGAMATED MINERS' CONFERENCE.

The Amalgamated Miners' Association continued its annual conference at Rutherglen to-day. Mr. Geard, of Zeehan, moved that the time had arrived for the appointment of a paid organiser to increase the numerical and financial strength of the association, but owing to the low state of funds the proposal was negatived. A motion from the Bendigo branch to the effect that the resolution carried at the Zeehan conference in 1900 fixing delegates' fees at £1 per day be rescinded with a view of reducing the amount to 15s a day, was lost on division. Mr. M. J. O'Keefe (of Beaconsfield) moved that the conference urge upon the Federal Government the extreme necessity for an early introduction of a worn-out miners' pension fund. The motion was agreed to.

A proposal by Mr. Ogden, of Zeehan, that a more uniform system of unionism should be brought about in the form of a confederation council, was negatived.

The conference voted £25 to the strike fund of the Victorian Coal-miners' Association. It was decided to vote £1 per month for 12 months towards the fund for the purpose of engaging the services of Mr. Tom Mann as labour organiser in Victoria for a year.

THE NEW ENGLISH COMEDY COMPANY.

Miss Nellie Stewart and the members of her dramatic company left by this afternoon's express for Sydney, where a season will be commenced on Saturday evening. The Melbourne season was brought to a close at the Princess Theatre last night in the presence of a crowded audience. Miss Stewart had a splendid send off, the curtain being raised time after time to allow her to acknowledge the enthusiastic cheering which her acting as Zaza provoked.

A large congregation assembled at St. Patrick's Cathedral to-day, when a requiem mass was offered up for the repose of the soul of the late Sir Charles Gavan Duffy. Archbishop Carr presided, and delivered a eulogistic address.

The executive of the Civil Service Co-operative Society of Melbourne has appointed as manager Mr. P. C. Trotter, superintendent of the Civil Service Co-operative Society of Sydney.

Two large sharks were landed yesterday. One was 9½ft. in length, and was caught off the Williamstown railway pier. It contained a score of young sharks, from 1ft. to 3ft. long. The second capture was made at Cunninghame. This shark measured over 14ft.

NEW ZEALAND.

THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

It is understood that Inspector Dinnie, of Scotland Yard, is likely to succeed Mr. Tunbridge as Commissioner of Police.

SECTARIANISM IN FIJI.

ALLEGED BURNING OF BIBLES.

THE QUESTION BEFORE THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

EXPRESSION OF INDIGNATION.

When the Methodist Conference assembled yesterday morning Dr. Brown asked the permission of the conference to introduce the question of Bible burning in Fiji. In order to secure definite information he had sent, he said, a cablegram to an independent gentleman in Fiji who was not connected with their Church. To that telegram he had just received a reply. He was sending the following telegram to the Victorian conference:—"Cabled to leading solicitor, Suva, yesterday, as follows:—'Cable immediately, Bible burning true or false.' Reply received: 'Rougier admits burning case filled with useless Namosi Wesleyan Testaments and hymn books.'" This cable, Dr. Brown added, proved the truth of the statement of their missionary, the Rev. W. A. Burns.

The Rev. George Lane moved,—"That this conference hereby expresses its intense indignation at the burning of copies of the New Testament and of the Wesleyan Methodist hymn book by the instructions of a priest of the Roman Catholic Church in Fiji, which is a British colony. It regards this flagrant act as an insult, not only to the Methodist people of Fiji, who number fully 90 per cent. of the population, and who are under the jurisdiction and care of this conference, but also to our common Protestantism. The conference also assures our missionaries, the native ministers, the officers, and people of our Church in Fiji, of its sincere sympathy with them in their present difficulties, its continued confidence and love, and it prays for their increasing success, and pledges itself to render all possible assistance in their arduous and important work in which they are engaged."

Several members spoke in indignant terms of this action of the Roman Catholic Church agent, and the resolution was carried with prolonged applause.

METHODIST MISSIONS.

MEETING AT THE CENTENARY HALL.

ALLEGED BURNING OF RELIGIOUS BOOKS.

STATEMENT BY A MISSIONARY.

At the Centenary Hall last evening a meeting in connection with the Methodist Conference was held, the business of which was the consideration of matters affecting the missionary field of the Church's work. There was a large attendance.

The chair at the outset was taken by the Hon. Ebenezer Vickery, M.L.C., but later on Mr. Orlando Baker, United States Consul, presided. The proceedings opened with devotional exercises, after which the Rev. Dr. Brown presented an abstract of the annual report, which was in all respects satisfactory. It stated that a mission had been established in New Georgia, which hitherto had been regarded as a difficult island for the exercise of Christian influence in teaching. In regard to Fiji, the abstract stated:—"The Rewa circuit reports the defection of a large number of people in the Namosi section to Roman Catholicism. These people have in most instances simply followed the ruling of their chief, who was displeased with the Government, and also with the native minister, and so manifested his displeasure by calling in the priests, and virtually compelling his people to accept their ministrations. Most of these have only bowed their heads in the temple of Rimmon in deference to their chief. Their hearts are still with us, and there is little doubt that many of them will soon return to the Church of their choice." Dr. Brown said that in order to ascertain the truth in regard to the matter which was uppermost in all their minds he had cabled as follows to a leading solicitor in Suva, "Cable immediately Bible burning, true or false," and had received the following in reply: "Rougier admits burning a case filled with useless Namosi Wesleyan testaments and hymn books." It was strange that if these books were useless the priests should go 30 miles to get them. They might be useless to him, but they were not useless to men and women there who took from him rosaries, and it was remarkable that he burned the books at Namosi, although he took them from Nailili. (Cheers.)

The President (the Rev. R. Bavin) moved,—"That the report as now presented be adopted, and that this meeting devoutly thanks Almighty God for the many tokens of His presence and help manifested in the work of the society during the past year. That in view of the great and growing needs of our work, as shown by the many openings which present themselves for aggressive Christian labour in all our missions, and of the necessity for an increased staff, a higher education, and a more comprehensive literature for our people in Fiji, and considering the great moral and spiritual destitution of the Indians settled there, this society urges its members to manifest a more earnest and prayerful sympathy, a larger liberality and a vigorous co-operation in its efforts to preach Christ in the regions beyond, and conserve the results already achieved." He stated that originally he had been intended as a missionary from India, but he went out to New Zealand instead, yet in a similar capacity, and he still strongly held to the missionary spirit, and if he had not had the joy of engaging in the work personally to any great extent he still had the pleasure of knowing that he had been represented in foreign missionary fields by some who were very near and dear to him. (Cheers.) The message from that meeting to the people in Fiji, he thought, was that they stood by them in this their time of trial. (Applause.)

The Rev. H. H. Nolan, who is a missionary from Fiji, seconded the motion. He said he had been touched with the enthusiasm with which the motion had been received, and that when he returned to his station, and told his people of what had taken place, he was certain their hearts would be touched as his had been. During the past year they had experienced conditions which they had never known before. The difficulties met with at the present time were of quite a different character to those they had to encounter in the days gone by, and he desired to impress upon his hearers that they should endeavour by every possible means to conserve the advantages that had already been achieved. Sir Arthur Gordon, now Lord Stanmore, had stated that out of a population of 120,000 more than 102,000 persons were regular attendants at Wesleyan churches, and he believed that statement was true. (Cheers.) He (Mr. Nolan) that evening held a brief for the honour of their Church in Fiji, and there was a prelate in this city who had stated that the members of the Fijian Church were cannibals at heart, and if you scratched them you would find the savage beneath. Sir Arthur Gordon denied that statement, and he had been to Fiji, while Cardinal Moran had never been there. (Tumultuous applause.) But there was other testimony, and that of a gentleman not connected with the Wesleyan denomination. Sir Henry Berkley, who was now Attorney-General of Hongkong—so if they wanted to find him they would know where to go for him, and not like some other so-called authorities—stated that it was mainly due to the precept and example of the missionaries that peace and prosperity could be maintained throughout those islands, and that with a magistrate and a few constables the peace was easily maintained in Fiji. A trader who had resided in Fiji for the last 27 years, and who as a matter of fact was a Jew, had told him that he had never locked his doors in that colony, and any transactions that he had had with the Fijians had invariably been of a satisfactory character, and no Fijian had ever attempted to steal a sixpence from him. (Applause.) Yet Cardinal Moran had said that these men were savages and cannibals. It appeared to him (Mr. Nolan) that it was absolutely necessary that the Church should not retire from the position it had taken one inch, and that it was necessary for them to watch with the most diligent care everything that was going on in connection with this mission. It was true that conference had that day decided that another probationer should be appointed, but he would direct attention to the facts of the case. They had now to cope not only with the Roman Catholics, but with the Seventh Day Adventists, who, it appeared to him, had come to stay. In Rewa they had got upwards of 40 converts, and in the group about 95 in the course of seven years, and he was only afraid that they would influence the people's mind that they would become "Nothingarians." (Laughter.) Then, as he had said, they had the Roman propaganda, so that New South Wales would have to wake up if they desired that this mission should continue its work. The work had been traduced, as had been the character of the mission's converts, and the priests had asked why the people of Fiji had raised £5000 a year for the mission, and they had also indulged in a little Roman Catholic arithmetic, for they said "Just fancy raising £5000 a year, and the mission has been established for 50 years, that is, £250,000 which had been sent out of Fiji." But they had not the commonsense to know, nor they did not care to say, that 50 years ago there was not one shilling in the country, and that for all these years the mission had been carried on at a great loss. (Hear, hear.) Moreover, they said in their newspaper that the Bible which the Wesleyan missionaries gave the natives was a "lying thing," and a prelate in this city had stated that this Bible was unauthorised. Cardinal Moran seemed to have made up his mind that the Bible was unauthorised because it had been revised. (Laughter.) But it was to be remarked that in the cablegrams of that day one of the greatest men who had ever trodden the mission field, Dr. Langham, had been honoured with the degree from the University of Glasgow because he translated the Word of God into Fijian, and that was the answer of the British University to Cardinal Moran. (Cheers.) With regard to Namosi depot, he desired to say only this, that they had been induced to forego the truth as it is in Jesus Christ, and to go over to Roman Catholicism. (A voice: "But they will come back," and cheers.) The case was simply this. The Fijian people were subservient to their chiefs to a degree which Europeans, unless they knew the natives, could not possibly understand, for in this case the chief was one of the old order, whom his people held in almost superstitious reverence, and when such a man determined upon a certain course of action it was practically impossible for his people to object. When he determined to reject the Wesleyan Lotu there were few who could withstand him, but there were some who did. The fact of the matter was that when the chief found himself in difficulties he was asked to accept either the Roman Catholic religion, that of the Seventh Day Adventists, or to remain loyal to the Wesleyans. They had not, as was stated by a certain prelate, been for a long time preparing for a change. It simply was the fact that the old chief had had a great deal of trouble in many ways, and he went to the Seventh Day Adventists and they told him they could not receive him, as he came to them in anger. He then went to a certain gentleman, who said he would take the priests down to him, and who did so. This being the case, how could Cardinal Moran say that these people had been long preparing to become Roman Catholics? The chief told his people that they must accept Roman Catholicism, and they had to do so. Some of them gammoned they were sick, and did not attend at the convention that was held. It was said that rosaries were given to the men and women, who accepted them at the hands of the chief, and that act meant their acceptance of the Roman Catholic religion. (Laughter.) There were men who did not go to the meeting at all, but who were engaged in loading boats on the sea shore, and when they came home they found these rosaries hung up in their houses, and it was claimed that they were Roman Catholics, and in other cases there were men who ran away and hid themselves in the bush, and they were sent for and the rosaries placed round their necks, and they were claimed to be Roman Catholics. (Laughter.) All this happened in a British colony. (Renewed laughter.) As to the Bibles the priests said, "Bring them in, and we will give you a Roman Catholic Prayerbook instead," Was that the way in which the priests were going to bring light and life to the people? He could assure his hearers that the Bible to the Fijian was a glorious book, and was really the book of life, and if Cardinal Moran said they did not read it, well, it was simply untrue. He (Mr. Nolan) held that they had not in the past done what they should have done to expose the errors of the Church of Rome, but, God helping him, when he returned to Fiji he would do all in his power to further the thought expressed in the words of Morley Punshon to bar the door to Popery and have no peace with Rome. (Continued cheering.)

The resolution was carried amidst loud applause.

At this stage of the proceedings four young ladies attired in Fijian costumes sang in the native language and to a native tune the quaint old song, "A Frog He Would a Wooing Go."

RIVALRY IN NEW BRITAIN.

Rev. H. Fellmann, of the German Mission of New Britain, moved,—"That this meeting records its devout thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church for the splendid progress of our work in New Britain and British New Guinea, and for the successful opening of the New Georgia Mission under the leadership of the general secretary; for the preservation of the lives and health of the mission staff; for the removal of opposition on the part of the savage people of Rubiana; and for their evident willingness to receive the messengers of the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord." At New Britain, he said, there was a Roman Catholic mission of the Most Sacred Heart, and it was the custom of the priests to work under the shelter of the German mission. There were nineteen-twentieths of the islands still open to the Roman Catholic missionaries, which was to be regretted. They were offered the district of New Ireland. (Voices: "They should go there"; and laughter.) They did not go, however. They asked for a force of 50 police to protect them. (Laughter and applause.) There was no response to their demand, and consequently they would not venture. (Laughter.) With the speaker there were only four white missionaries with their wives and the missionary sisters. On the other hand there were 50 agents of the Sacred Heart Mission labouring in the small New Britain district, but despite their numbers they invariably followed the lead of the Protestant minority. He would like to tell them some of the methods of the Roman Catholic priests, and of the way in which they attempted to win converts by bribes of tobacco and clothes, and what was much worse, by intimidation. With all their efforts, however, they had, during six years, won only two converts. (Loud applause.)

The Rev. S. R. Rooney, of New Georgia, seconded the motion which was unanimously adopted.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

THE EXPORT TRADE.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Official figures show that South Australia experienced a maximum trade year in 1902. The value of domestic exports amounted to £4,769,947, which only twice before has been exceeded. The increase is chiefly due to enlarged inter-state exchanges. The exports to the other States of the Commonwealth amounted to £2,407,024, as compared with £1,453,614 in 1901. The excess of exports over imports was no less than £1,624,733, the highest figure at which it has ever stood.

ALLEGED SHOOTING OF A SEAMAN.

ACCUSED DISCHARGED.

James Alexander Grant, aged 25, third officer of the ship Torrens, was charged at the Criminal Court to-day, before Mr. Justice Boucaut, with having wilfully shot Christopher Walsh, a seaman of the barque Robert Duncan. The evidence showed that the alleged shooting was the result of a drunken brawl. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty, and Grant was discharged.

THE MAIL CONTRACT.

In the new ocean mail contract South Australia is desirous that a clause should be inserted stipulating that steamers calling here should use the outer harbour when it is completed. It is understood that communications with reference to this matter and the other terms have passed between the Federal and State Governments.

THE SUSPICIOUS DEATH AT CLARE.

The Penwortham inquest entered on its fifth day at Clare to-day. Susan Wyman, who was engaged as a domestic servant in the house of the deceased, was submitted to a severe cross-examination by counsel for Mrs. Ninnes and Warburton. She said that she did not speak to Mrs. Ninnes and Warburton on the front verandah on the morning of the fatality because she was afraid. Nothing could move her from the statement that she saw Warburton there and that he asked her to say that he was not there. The inquest was adjourned until Monday afternoon next. At least seven more witnesses are to be examined, including three of the deceased's sons.

CHALLENGE SWIMMING MATCH.

The challenge swimming match, Reid v. Moon, over 100 yards took place to-night, and was won by the former by 6yds., the time being 1m. 8s.

LORD HAWKE'S TEAM.

Mr. Creswell, the secretary of the Cricket Association, has reluctantly replied to Mr. Warner, the captain of Lord Hawke's team, that he will be unable to arrange a date for a match with the tourists.

QUEENSLAND.

SHUNTING ACCIDENT.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

A serious accident happened early to-day at Murphy's Creek, near Toowoomba, to a guard named Fred. Nolan, of Brisbane, who was in charge of a goods train. Whilst engaged shunting Nolan was crushed between the train and a platform. His thigh was fractured, shoulder crushed, and he was hurt internally. He was taken to the Toowoomba Hospital.

TASMANIA.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

The steamer Flora left here to-day for Sydney direct with a cargo of 1027 bales straw, 1563 bags chaff, 278 bags oats, 27 bags oatmeal, 100 bags flour, 89 bags peas, 818 bundles bark. It is estimated that over 20,000 bags of potatoes will go forward from the coast this week. The quotation is £3, and the market is firm.

LATE SHIPPING.

ARRIVAL.—Feb. 27.

Bremen, G.M.S., 11,570 tons, Captain Neirich, from Bremen and Southampton, via ports. Weber, Lohmann, and Co., agents.

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

NEW SOUTH WALES DROUGHT RELIEF.

LORD MAYOR'S FUND.

The fund is controlled by a committee of citizens. The honorary treasurers are Messrs. George Maiden, Frank Grimley, and J. Randal Carey, and the honorary secretaries are Messrs. Thomas Nesbitt (town clerk) and H. C. Brierley, A.I.A.V. Communications addressed to the honorary secretaries, Vickery's-chambers, 82 Pitt-street, will receive prompt attention. The amounts received on account of this fund to date are as follows:—

	£	s	d
Amount previously acknowledged	4489	12	1
Tooth and Co., Limited	100	0	0
Armidale Committee, first instalment, per W. M. Harris	100	0	0
W. and A. M'Arthur, Limited	25	0	0
Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited	25	0	0
Metropolitan Brick Company, Limited	20	0	0
The Managing Trustee and Staff of the Savings Bank of New South Wales	16	0	6
John Keep and Sons, Limited	10	10	0
H. H. Johnston, Melfort	10	10	0
Cowlishaw Brothers	10	0	0
Dr. Andrew Ross, M.L.A.	5	5	0
John Shorter and Co.	5	5	0
Arthur Yates and Co.	5	5	0
Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 230, Clunes	5	5	0
Bullivants' Australian Co., Limited	5	5	0
Mrs. E. M. Windeyer, Kinross, Raymond Terrace	3	3	0
J. F. Hudd and Co., Limited	3	3	0
Brush Electrical Engineering Company and Staff—Brush Electrical Engineering Company, £1 1s; Oswald Hues, 10s 6d; A. Ivens, 5s; George A. Blacklock, 5s; F. M. H. Harrison, 2s 6d; F. R. Rudd, 2s 6d; J. R. Coupland, 2s 6d; A. Waddell, 2s 6d	2	11	6
"Glenfield"	2	2	0
A. Gordon Weeshe	2	2	0
John Talbot	2	2	0
Marsh Brothers, Limited	2	2	0
"M."	1	11	6
R. V. Saddington	1	1	0
J. M. Dixon	1	1	0
Masonic Lodge Tuscan, Sydney	1	1	0
W. E. G. Satchell, Wellington, N.S.W.	1	1	0
H. E. Farmer	1	1	0
James Harvey, Braeside, Castle Hill	1	0	0
	£4867	19	7

DEMAND FOR RAILWAY ROLLING STOCK.

It appears that the necessity for carrying starving stock from foodless districts to new pastures, as well as the conveyance of stock back to their original quarters in consequence of the late rains having produced grass in certain portions of the State, has forced upon the Railway Commissioners a strong demand for trucks. The effect of this is the resources of the department are being taxed to the uttermost. Indeed, it has been found impossible to comply with all the demands for the immediate use of trucks, and orders for rolling stock have had to be booked ahead as far as the middle of next month. The Commissioners are endeavouring to remove the pressure on the ordinary cattle trucks by utilising D trucks, which are generally devoted to the carriage of hardware merchandise. As these trucks are open, sheep conveyed in them will be charged two-thirds of that imposed in the case of sheep carried in vans.

SEED WHEAT DISTRIBUTION.

The Premier stated yesterday that up to the present moment 29,545 bags containing 124,642 bushels of wheat have been landed at Darling Harbour from Adelaide, and the balance of the 200,000 bushels is being handled in readiness to be despatched to Sydney. "The gentlemen who say that the Government has made no preparations to meet with the demand for seed wheat will see from this that they are wrong in their assertion," observed Sir John See.

SYMPATHY OF THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

At the sitting of the Methodist conference yesterday the Rev. J. E. Carruthers moved,—"That this conference records its deep sympathy with the people in the districts suffering from the prolonged and severe drought; prays earnestly that God in His mercy may speedily bring this affliction to an end; and commends the Lord Mayor's Drought Relief Fund to the support of our people throughout the more favoured parts of the State." Mr. M'Clelland seconded the motion, and said that by way of showing practical sympathy with the Lord Mayor's Fund in aid of the Drought Relief Fund a concert was to be given in the Centenary Hall.

THE MOVEMENT AT MARRICKVILLE.

Yesterday afternoon a meeting of the ladies of Marrickville, presided over by the Mayoress (Mrs. T. H. England), was held in the local Town Hall to consider what steps should be taken to form a local committee to help in the work of collecting moneys in aid of the Lord Mayor's Drought Relief Fund. It was decided to suggest to the public meeting of residents of Marrickville, to be held this evening, that a street and house-to-house collection should be taken up in the borough on Saturday, March 14, the ladies of the district to act as collectors. It was also agreed to advise the central committee that the work of arranging to take up such a collection in Marrickville would be better left entirely to the local ladies, who would know how to formulate their plans. An offer of clothing, prepared by the members of the Dorcas Society, connected with the Church of Christ, Enmore, was received, and it was decided to specially thank these ladies for their liberal and useful donation. A ladies' committee was then formed to act with the committee from the public meeting.

All arrangements have been completed for the holding of the public meeting to-night in the local Town Hall. The Mayor (Alderman T. H. England) will preside, and among those who will speak will be Mr. F. E. M'Lean, M.P., Mr. Joseph Cook, M.P., Senator E. D. Millen, and Mr. R. W. W. M'Coy, M.L.A.

ASSISTANCE FROM ALEXANDRIA.

The Borough Council of Alexandria, at its meeting on Wednesday evening, decided to assist the fund initiated by the Lord Mayor of Sydney for the relief of sufferers by the drought. Mrs. O'Riordan and Mrs. T. D. Brown were deputed to form a local committee of ladies to act in conjunction with the central committee formed by the Lady Mayoress of Sydney for the same object.

ACTION AT NORTH SYDNEY.

The North Sydney Council has decided to cooperate with the ladies' committee of the Lady Mayoress Drought Fund in holding a street collection in the borough on March 14, and the Mayor (Alderman J. Carter) has promised to assist in any way that the committee may suggest.

DAY OF HUMILIATION AND PRAYER.

At the invitation of Archdeacon Gunther, V.G., the heads of the Churches met yesterday at the Chapter-house. After discussion the desirability of setting apart a day—a week day if possible—was affirmed. Sir John See is to be asked to receive a deputation on the subject. The meeting also arranged to recommend the Churches to take up collections for the Drought Relief Fund on March 8.

QUEANBEYAN UNEMPLOYED.

INTERVIEW WITH THE MINISTER FOR WORKS.

QUEANBEYAN, Thursday.

The Minister for Works arrived this morning and received a deputation from men seeking relief work. Dr. Blackall, Mayor, stated the case of the men, who objected to the ballot system of selection, and urged that a committee of five be appointed with discretion to appoint such men as they chose. The deputation deprecated the dole of £200 to a community like Queanbeyan, where 78 men had made application for relief work, and asked for at least double the amount. In reply the Minister said that Queanbeyan would receive £230, which was a much larger amount than was allotted to localities of a much larger population. The Government would deal with the State as a whole, not piecemeal. It was impossible in fairness to give the extra sum to Queanbeyan. He blamed the Parliamentary Opposition and a section of the daily press for damaging the credit of the State, and nearly producing a financial panic. But for £5,000,000 spent on the workers the people would be starving to-day. At Albury and elsewhere infamous lies had been circulated to the effect that Queanbeyan was swarming with buttygangs, but there was no foundation for the rumour. The municipal body at Queanbeyan was exempted from contributing a moiety for local relief, hence the work to be done must be outside the borough. Men would be granted on relief work 7s, 6s, and 5s per day. Tents and tools would be loaned free of cost. The ballot must settle who were to be employed. He was willing to give employment from loan for water conservation here if suitable works were indicated. After the deputation had retired 32 married applicants and 19 unmarried men were given a fortnight's relief work on the roads. As no others applied no ballot was necessary.

WORKS AT YASS.

YASS, Thursday.

Work has commenced at the railway weir in the Yass River close to the town. Several local men will be employed on work which will take about 10 weeks to complete.

Mr. Affleck, M.L.A., has been promised a grant of £50 by the Works Department for the local council, provided the council adds a similar donation for the employment of local unemployed.

SEED WHEAT REFUSED.

MUDGEE, Thursday.

Instances are being reported locally of applicants who are without means of procuring seed wheat from private sources having their applications for such to the Government refused.

THE SEASON AT TINGHA.

TINGHA, Thursday.

The weather still continues very hot and dry, and vegetation is burnt up except in very sheltered spots. Unless rain falls shortly we shall have a very severe winter. The fruit crop is suffering fearfully; most of the apples are falling off, and the balance is being destroyed by parrots, flying foxes, and other animals driven in by the dryness of the weather.

RELIEF REQUIRED IN THE DUBBO DISTRICT.

DUBBO, Thursday.

A meeting of the municipal finance committee was held to-day to consider the letter received from the Lord Mayor's Drought Relief Fund. The Mayor (Alderman Ryan) presided. In answer to a question whether the district was suffering from drought the committee replied in the affirmative; to the question whether it was in a position to collect or disperse relief, the committee replied that it could not do anything in the way of appointing collectors, but it would willingly disperse relief funds entrusted to it. The committee stated that the district requires help, but as to the number of families destitute no canvass of the district had been made. It was decided to receive applications, with particulars for investigation, by the council or committee. It was decided to state that relief was urgently needed. Replying to the circular from the Lady Mayoress's Fund, it was decided that the committee could not take up any street collection on the day mentioned.

MEETING AT DUNGOG.

DUNGOG, Thursday.

A public meeting was held in the School of Arts last night in connection with relief to drought-stricken settlers and to the destitute family of Mr. Simmons, who were burnt out by the late bush fires. For the drought relief fund £14 was collected in the room, and for the Simmons family £7. Subscription lists are being opened at all business places in the town.

EFFORTS AT PAMBULA.

PAMBULA, Thursday.

A fund is being inaugurated locally to assist the drought sufferers, and an entertainment is being organised at Towamba with the same object.

SEED WHEAT IN VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Replying to-day to a deputation representing the drought stricken farmers who are looking to the Government for seed wheat, Mr. Taverner (the Minister for Lands) said that it was the intention of his colleagues and of Parliament that all needy and urgent cases should be supplied with seed wheat. A sub-committee of the Cabinet would go into the matter on Monday, and it would be their aim to see that Government assistance should be confined to those really in want of it.

The concert by the Goulburn Methodist Literary Union in aid of the Drought Relief was largely patronised.

Dr. Ross, M.L.A., has received a letter from the Mayor of Molong, who says in regard to the condition of that district:—"I don't know that there is anyone here in actual need of anything caused through the drought. I have only had one application from a resident (a widow), at Manildra. Some of our farmers will require seed wheat, and possibly if they could get it a few tons of forage from the Government to enable them to put in their crops. This, I think, would be all that we want in this district. I reckon, so far as I know, that three-fourths of our settlers would not want that. The biggest pull on us is the 'tramp nuisance,' or what you call the unemployed, as they are going through here in streams. I know it costs me from 30s to £2 per week to give each caller 2lb. and 3lb. of flour, and other tradespeople in the town are similarly situated. We could help our neighbours a little, but when it comes to feeding flocks of tramps it is a little bit too much."

CONDOBOLIN, Thursday.

The following Government works are in progress in and around the district. At the Willandra cutting, 40 miles below Cudgellico, about 80 men are employed with horses and carts; at Lake Cudgellico weir 60 men are engaged. Work is going on at the Condobolin Waterworks weir in connection with raising the height of the weir. Work has lately been finished at the Merowie Creek cutting at Hillston. This employed about 90 men. The Booligal weir is about to be started and there will be an expenditure of £500 and 10 men employed. Repairs to the dam at Box Creek, below Hillston, are about to be taken in hand and 10 men will be engaged. Accounts of destitution in the district are becoming more frequent.

GUNDAGAI, Thursday.

A largely-attended public meeting was held at the Assembly Hall last night to consider the distress in the district. The Mayor (Alderman Dodd) presided. The following resolution was carried:—"We, the undersigned unemployed of Gundagai, request the Mayor to ask the Government to provide us with means of obtaining a livelihood for ourselves and families in our present great distress." This was signed by 73 persons at the meeting. It was also resolved, "That the Government be requested to start relief works at Gundagai immediately. That £200 be granted for expenditure, with an equal amount from the Gundagai Council, upon roads and streets by day labour within the municipality." The Mayor explained that the council would consider the matter, and he had no doubt would grant £200, provided the Government gave a similar amount. Complaints were made that only about 10 men are employed with each machine at Tumut railway works, and that the men are working overtime, which is considered unjust to those waiting for similar employment, and it is held that two shifts of six hours each should be substituted as relief for the unemployed.

AGRICULTURAL SHOWS.

ROBERTSON.

ROBERTSON, Thursday.

The twenty-third annual show of the Robertson Agricultural Society was opened to-day. The weather conditions were perfect. Over 1600 entries were received, and all classes were better filled than for years past. The cattle exhibits were very strong, and the judges said the collection of cattle was the best seen all along the coast this season. So close was the competition that in several classes a third judge had to be called in. The building was filled with vegetables, farm produce, fruit, and home manufactures, and poultry and dogs were more numerous than formerly. The show was officially opened by Mr. G. W. Fuller, M.P. for Illawarra, and Mr. Alex. Campbell, M.L.A., was also present. The attendance for the first day was better than usual. Following are the principal awards:—

Horses.—Blood mare: J. Griffiths, 1; John Clarke, 2. Filly under 2 years: F. Diggins. Filly under 3 years: John Clarke. Coaching mare: John Curtis. Filly under 2 years: John J. Wood. Draught stallion: W. Chacker, 1; A. Knox, 2. Mare: T. A. Smith, 1; R. W. Moses, 2. Farm horse: Burnham Brothers, 1; T. A. Smith, 2; and W. Kirkland, h.c. Pair plough horses: R. M'Evilly, 1; R. Gay, 2. Factory horse: G. A. Gardiner, 1; W. F. Smith, 2.

Dairy Cattle.—Bull, 3 years and over: M. E. Hindmarsh, 1 and 2; J. W. Cole, 3. Bull, 2 years and under 3: J. W. Cole, 1; Stone Brothers, 3. Bull, 1 year and under 2: W. R. Hindmarsh, 1; J. T. Hayter, 2; E. Williams, 3. Bull calf: M. E. Hindmarsh, 1; W. R. Hindmarsh, 2. Dairy cow, milking, 4 years and over: M. E. Hindmarsh, 1; J. R. Miller, 2; E. Williams, 3; James Nicholls, 4. Three years and under 4: James Gilroy, 1; J. W. Cole, 2. Cow under 3 years: James Gilroy, 1; W. R. Hindmarsh, jun., 2 and 3. Dry cow: J. R. Miller, 1; M. E. Hindmarsh, 2; George Porter, 3. Heifer, 2 years and under 3: J. W. Cole, 1; J. T. Hayter, 2. Heifer 1 year and under 2: James Gilroy, 1; M. E. Hindmarsh, ; J. W. Cole, 3 and 4. Heifer calf: H. Wilson, 1; W. R. Hindmarsh, 2; W. Bell, 3. Fat bullock: W. R. Hindmarsh. Fat cow: W. W. M'Kenzie. Champion dairy cow: M. E. Hindmarsh. Pen four dry cows: J. W. Cole. Bull and progeny: J. W. Cole. Pen four two-year-old heifers: James Gilroy. Pen four yearling heifers: J. W. Cole. Group of cattle: J. W. Cole. Milk and butter competition: W. H. Swan, 1 and 2. Pen three dairy cows, milking, under 4 years: J. W. Cole. Pen three dairy cows, milking, over 4 years: J. R. Miller, 1; F. Williams, 2. Maiden dairy cow: M. E. Hindmarsh. Ayrshire bull, 3 years and over: James Nethery, 1; Maloney Brothers, 2. Bull 2 years and under 3: J. T. Hayter, 1; John Vandenbergh, 2. Bull under 2 years: W. M'Kenzie, 1; B. Moss, 2. Cow: W. R. Hindmarsh, 1; C. Harris, 2. Heifer under 2 years: W. M'Kenzie, 1; George Eycars, 2. Jerseys.—Bull: E. A. Vance. Cow: W. Williams, 1; C. Harris, 2. Heifer 2 years and under 3: Stone Brothers.

Farm Produce.—M. Brooker, L. Prevost, Jos. Armstrong, T. Rogan, John Vandenbergh, J. T. Hayter, H. Braden, George Bernie, W. Knight, Burnham Brothers, J. N. King, F. M'Grath, and Roy Murray were the principal prize-takers.

Poultry.—E. Martin, J. T. Parmenter, Mrs. W. Graham, C. Harris, Burnham Brothers, J. T. Hayter, John Missingham, and R. W. Moses took prizes.

Box creamery butter: Mittagong Creamery. Table butter: Robertson Creamery, 1; Mittagong Creamery, 2. Bacon: C. Wright.

Vegetables.—G. Porter, George Bernie, L. Prevost, Keevers Brothers, Charles Bauer, M. Brooker, John Vandenbergh, Roy Murray, and J. N. King took prizes.

Dogs.—The prize-takers were: James Humphries, F. A. Tatlow, J. Brooker, J. W. Clarke, J. T. Hayter, W. Hamilton, W. Burton, and F. Akers.

Awards were also made in flowers, fruit, preserves, and other sections.

CANDELO.

CANDELO, Thursday.

The Candelo Show was continued to-day. The attendance was over 1200. Following are the principal prizetakers:—

Horses.—Blood stallion, 3 years and over: Shannon and Cochrane. Colts: R. Wilson, jun. Colts, 2 years and over: R. Wilson, jun. Foals at foot: W. A. Wilson. Mare with foal at foot: W. A. Wilson. Filly: R. Wilson, jun. Mares, dry: R. Wilson. Draughts: G. Rolfe. Colt: C. Black. Mare: W. J. Collins. Filly: E. A. Tarlinton, 1; W. Bower, 2. Foal: E. Tarlinton. Saddle horses—Hacks, 10st.: J. Otton, 1; C. Black, 2. Hacks, light: E. A. Harnett, 1; J. M. Bartley, 2. Lady's hack: John Otton. Maiden high jumps: V. Tarlinton. Ponies, 14 hands, jump: J. Rixon. 13 to 14 hands, in saddle: D. M'Gillivray. Under 13 hands, in saddle: Jas. Brown, jun. Heavy buggy pair: V. Tarlinton. Light buggy pair: C. W. Bruce. Heavy buggy horse: C. Black. Light buggy: C. W. Bruce. Springcart horse: Burnett. Pair ponies under 14½: D. M'Gillivray. Pony, 13½ to 14½ hands: D. M'Gillivray. Pony, under 13½, in harness: T. Rixon. Sulky turnout: W. Rixon.

Cattle.—Shorthorns—Bull: C. Bright, 1; W. F. Coman, 2. Cows: W. F. Coman, 1; R. L. Tooth, 2. Heifers: R. L. Tooth, 1; C. Bright, 2. Ayrshires—Bulls: F. D. Champneys, 1; P. H. Morton, 2. Cows: P. H. Morton. Jerseys—Bulls: J. Bateman, 1; R. L. Tooth, 2. Cows: R. L. Tooth. Group of Jerseys: R. L. Tooth. Fat ox: R. L. Tooth. Fat cow: R. L. Tooth. Shorthorn heifers: R. L. Tooth. Jersey heifers: R. L. Tooth. Ayrshire heifers: Thomas Keys. Poddies: J. J. Collins.

Pigs.—W. J. Collins, R. Wilson, jun., L. Holzhauser. Fat pigs: H. Burcher.

Sheep.—Collins and Beresford.

Poultry.—J. A. Gordon, H. Rix, W. Rixon, Mrs. W. W. Wren.

Dairy Butter.—Wolumla Creamery. Cheese: N.S.W. Creamery, 1; Tantawanglo Company, 2; E. Beller, 3. Bacon: Foley, 1; Baroona Factory, 2.

Farm Produce.—H. Davis, M. Longhurst, Haywood Brothers.

Home Milking Competition.—Messrs. W. J. Collins, R. L. Tooth, and J. A. Brown divide.

THE QUEENSLAND CUSTOMS CASE.

KINGSTON v. ROBERT REID AND CO.

FOURTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SOME LONDON EVIDENCE.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The hearing of the action of the Minister for Customs versus Robert Reid and Co., Limited, was continued in the Supreme Court to-day. The defendants were charged with having on February 7, 1902, passed an entry false in certain particulars with intent to defraud. There were several alternative allegations. Sir Arthur Rutledge, with him Mr. Woolcock and Mr. M'Gregor, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Feez, with him Mr. Blair, for the defendants.

The foreman of the jury in view of the fact that the case would probably last many days longer and the jurors, who are all business men, had to transact their business at night, asked for increased fees. His Honor allowed £3 3s per day each to be paid by the prevailing party, and by them recovered as costs.

Mr. M'Gregor continued reading the evidence of Samuel Powell Jones, warehouse manager for the defendants at Melbourne, taken on commission. A letter was put in from Jones to the Brisbane house dated November 6, 1901, stating: "Re imitation silk-striped shirting and Commonwealth duty thereon, we are afraid 20 per cent. is a true bill. We have not been able to get the Customs here to pass for less. They claim that the goods come under the heading of fancy shirting."

Mr. Woolcock tendered and read the evidence taken on commission in London as follows:—

H. Horace Clegg deposed that he was employed by the defendants. Part of his duties was to translate the cablegrams. A cablegram from Melbourne, dated October 21, 1901, included the following:—"Sateens in future invoices must be made out dress linings, and shirtings, except flannelette crimeans, are all to be called cotton shirtings." He showed the cable when translated to Mr. Hastings, one of the directors, and then gave it to the invoice room. Mr. Hastings said, "All right, tell it to those it interests." Witness under cross-examination stated: "We have had nothing so emphatic as this, if we had another cable at all referring to invoicing of goods."

Mr. Joyce deposed that he was the secretary of the defendant company. The general instructions to clerks were not to alter invoices. If any alteration were necessary the invoice should be returned to the manufacturer. On manufacturers' invoices which were retained London discount was scored out, and the net amount after deducting discount was the real value of the goods. Invoices went out to Australia representing discount as deducted. The Australian branches were debited with the gross value of the goods without cash discount, though trade discount, if any, was allowed. Instructions had existed ever since he was with the firm that all casing and packing were to be invoiced separately. He considered six months' acceptance was equivalent to 2½ per cent. cash discount. It was simply buying time in lieu of discount.

Mr. John Hastings deposed that he was one of the directors, and attended to the buying. The defendants paid cash, and took discount where the amount was under £30. An invoice describing Crimean shirting as cotton shirting would not be true. That was the first order for Crimean during the season. The trade in that line was diminishing. The alteration of Crimean to cotton in the invoice was a blunder on the clerk's part; it was a fool's error. The clerk was still in the same position. After the receipt of the cable from Melbourne on October 21 all shirtings were invoiced as cotton shirtings, according to instructions, with the exception of Crimeans. A second shipment of Crimeans was sent out by the Afric under their right description. An order had been placed for silk check as cotton shirting. He considered the description accurate. The check might be mercerised cotton, or at most would be 5 per cent. silk.

Mr. Woolcock put in a letter written by the Brisbane house to London on February 22, 1902, announcing that the two cases of shirtings passed as cotton had been opened by the Customs, and found to contain Crimean shirting, and that the invoice showed an erasure, and the word cotton written over. The letter continued:—"We are writing to Melbourne, asking them to send the invoice on to you, so that you may get to the bottom of the matter. We do not know how the case will go, but meanwhile the delivery of the goods has been refused, and we are placed in a very nasty position with the Customs, some of whose officers are only too glad of a chance to drop down on any firm."

Counsel also put in the following letter from London house dated April 4, 1902, in reply to foregoing: "We greatly regret that such an unfortunate affair has occurred, but notwithstanding the strong comments that the Hon. Robert Reid makes he should put himself in our place and then see what would occur. All we can do is to manage this business by instructing the staff and laying down rules, and if these are disobeyed it is impossible for us to detect it, especially when it is done at the last moment before the documents are mailed to your side. We are all to a certain extent in the hands of our employees, unless we choose to pay a man £300 or £400 per year, as clerks do not seem to have brains. This man absolutely did this on his own initiative, as our instructions are, and have stood for many years, that no alteration of invoices is to be made except on the aggregates, which we keep here and work up in the counting-house, and which are marked for our staff to return to the manufacturer should it be found necessary. They are not even allowed to deduct cash discounts, as it must be done in the handwriting of the person who made out the invoice. Now, this fact is fully known to our staff, but this clerk when he received the invoice was anxious to complete his documents for Friday's mail, and knowing he could not get a copy from the manufacturer back in time, he took upon himself to score out 'crimeans' and insert 'cotton.' The instructions Melbourne wired home were to invoice the various classes of cotton shirtings as cotton shirtings and not call them by fancy names, and the clerk misread these instructions, and thought crimean should be invoiced as cotton. We are sending a declaration by this clerk relating the whole facts, which we trust you will show to the Customs. We have carefully avoided referring to this Melbourne wire in the declaration as the Customs might wish to see this, but it was due to the clerk misreading the wire. Had he obeyed our rule and sent the invoice back to the manufacturer he would have refused to invoice woollen as cotton. It is a wonder this sort of thing does not occur hundreds of times if clerks will do this sort of thing."

Mr. Woolcock asked Mr. Feez to produce the declaration of Bullwinkle, the clerk who made the erasure.

Mr. Feez: The document was sent back to England at the time of the commission.

Mr. Woolcock (sharply): We gave you notice to produce it, and we want the document.

Mr Feez: All I can tell you is that we have not got it.

Mr. Woolcock: You knew the document was referred to in this letter, and that it was most material to the case.

Mr. Feez: I wish to goodness we had it here.

The Crown put in a number of letters which had passed between the defendants' London and Australian houses, also books and other documents. Mr. M'Gregor said the Brisbane invoice-book had this entry on January 21, 1902:—"Arrival crimean shirting by Duke of Argyll on February 5." The following material was passed free as cotton shirting.

The Court adjourned till 10 o'clock on the following morning.

THE PLAGUE.

FREMANTLE EPIDEMIC.

PERTH, Thursday.

A fresh case of plague was reported this morning, the victim being Victor Hogue, aged 26 years, residing at Fremantle.

INSPECTION OF SHIPPING AT MELBOURNE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The president of the Board of Public Health has ordered that all vessels coming from Fremantle shall be subjected to strict inspection and medical examination. These steps have been taken owing to the news from Fremantle that the rats are badly infected with plague.

The municipal bodies in Victoria are renewing the crusade against rats.

R.M.S. AUSTRALIA AT FREMANTLE.

FREMANTLE, Thursday.

The R.M.S. Australia arrived at 10.30 a.m. to-day, and sailed again at 4.15 p.m. Passengers in the saloon:—

For Adelaide: Messrs. J. J. Rawstorne, J. Bayne, Miss Stack, Sir R. C. Baker, Miss Baker, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. W. G. Smith, Mrs. and Master Garth.

For Melbourne: Mrs. and Misses (3) Brodribb, Misses Waters, Patterson (2), Skeeton, E. M'Kenzie, Menzies, Hon. H. L. and Mrs. Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. Bell, Messrs. K. C. Kain and R. Clarke.

For Sydney: Mrs. and Misses (2) Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Rogalsky, Mr. and Mrs. Mackinnon, Mr. and Mrs. Demsley, Captain Dacosta, Mr. and Mrs. Walter, Mesdames Wragge, Leary and 2 children, Hawkins, J. Clarke, C. F. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. M'Kenna, Misses Bloomfield, Pike, Simpson, M'Kinnon, Ross (2), Thomson (2), Clarke, Maxwell, Slancy, Gouythes, Hamilton, Oliver, Messrs. J. H. Dean, C. Hyde, W. Laing, E. H. Livering, Rumble, Harry, W. Barnet, A. H. Williams, A. J. Scott, Bosch.

For Tasmania: Mr. A. Leake, Misses Gallitee and Tweedie (2).

For Auckland: Sir W. and Lady Pollitt, Mrs. B. Robertson.

THE AUSTRALIAN AT BRISBANE

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The steamer Australian arrived in Moreton Bay last night from Hongkong, via ports, after an uneventful voyage and resumed the voyage to-day.

Passengers for Sydney: Mrs. George 2 children and Chinese nurse, Mrs. Brady, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. S. R. Budgeon, Mrs. Riley, Miss Davis. Pilot Michael, and Messrs. Hughes and Twoomey.

For Melbourne: Mrs. B. H. Morehead and child and 4 Chinese.

For Adelaide: Mr. J. Inkster, and 1 Chinese.

COUNTRY NEWS.

FIRES.

COBAR, Thursday.

The fire which destroyed Tattersall's Hotel, Wrightville, was caused by a lamp falling and then exploding while it was being carried out.

MUDGEE, Thursday.

Bush fires are raging on the hills a few miles south of the town. Great heat prevailed to-day.

THE CROW PEST.

MOLONG, Thursday.

The Bournewood Progress Association has passed a resolution to be placed on the business sheet of the United Progress Associations Conference "That a bonus of 1s per head be paid for crows throughout the State, this association believing that half the ewes perished during the drought owing to the ravages of the crow pest."

DISTRICT COURTS AND QUARTER SESSIONS.

DENILIQUIN, Thursday.

An important reserved decision has just been given by Acting-Judge Hamilton respecting charges for water rates by municipal councils. The local council sued a Chinaman, Gee Sing, in the District Court last month for upwards of £30 rates, including about £11 for water rates. Mr. Wilkinson, acting for the defendant, objected to the latter on the ground that the municipal bylaws were ultra vires, inasmuch as the minimum was fixed at 25s, whereas the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act fixed the basis of the assessment at 1s in the £ on the assessed annual rental value of the property with a minimum of 10s. The Judge upheld the contention that the bylaws were ultra vires, and gave a verdict for defendant on that issue, and for plaintiffs for £19 odd on the balance. The judgment is not retrospective in affecting rates already paid.

RAILWAYS.

MOLONG, Thursday.

Regarding the withdrawal of the survey party from the proposed Molong to Peak Hill railway line the Minister for Works states that operations have been suspended until another survey vote is obtained from Parliament, which is a matter of a few months.

CHURCHES.

BRUSHGROVE, Thursday.

Dr. Dill Macky delivered a lecture in the Protestant Hall this evening. The building was crowded.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

ORANGE, Thursday.

The Orange Quarter Sessions opened this morning and concluded this afternoon before Judge Docker. The following were the cases heard:—Herbert Nolan, charged with stealing 11 head of cattle, the property of George Streatfeild, of Forest Reefs, and on a second count of receiving, pleaded guilty to receiving, and was sentenced to three years' imprisonment, with hard labour, in Bathurst Gaol. Edward Byrnes was charged with maliciously wounding John Davoren on February 1, and was sentenced to two years' hard labour in Bathurst Gaol. James Carroll, a youth, was charged with stealing £5, the property of Garrett Healey, from the dwelling-house of Michael Healey, at Cudal, on November 10, and was sentenced to three months' hard labour in Bathurst Gaol. Fanny Williams, who had been convicted at the police court before Mr. E. Marriott, P.M., of vagrancy, appealed against the conviction, for which she was sentenced to four months' imprisonment. The appeal was dismissed, and the conviction affirmed.

AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL.

BATHURST, Thursday.

At a meeting of the A. and P. Association to-day it was decided to invite the Governor (Sir Harry Rawson) to open the show.

LISMORE, Thursday.

The showers which fell yesterday, registering 108 points, will do much good to the pastures.

ORANGE, Thursday.

Farming land in the vicinity of the reservoir was sold at auction to-day up to £9 10s per acre.

SOUTH COAST.

ALBION PARK, Thursday.

The annual meeting in connection with the Albion Park A. H. and I. Association was held here last night when the report and balance-sheet were read and adopted, showing a credit balance for the year's work of £152. The election of a new committee for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—Patron, Mr. Arch. Campbell, M.L.A.; president, Mr. L. R. Mood; senior vice-president, Mr James W. Musgrave; junior vice-president, Mr. W. Fryer, Mayor; committee, Messrs. A. Fraser, F. P. Dowdell, W. C. Dunster, J. Daws, H. Fryer, W. J. Ziems, J. Missingham, J. Brownlee, W. Coughrane, J. Wright, W. H. Norris, James Buckley, H. G. Fraser, Thomas Whittaker, D. Manson, and R. H. Bell.

Dry weather continues here, and rain is badly needed.

BULLI, Thursday.

Mr. Allworth (Chief Surveyor) and Mr. Truscott (District Surveyor) have visited Stanwell Park with the view of ascertaining what resumptions were necessary to enable the visiting public to gain access to the beach. Mr. J. B Nicholson met the surveyors and explained that the place was a favourite tourist resort, but owing to property owners objecting there was no way of reaching the beach. For years past efforts have been made to obtain a reserve, as the place is very popular with tourists.

PAMBULA, Thursday.

Bush fires have been raging for a week past in many parts of the district. One is approaching very near the township, but no serious damage has been done. Everything is very dry and inflammable. Many of the residents are short of water.

SUTHERLAND, Thursday.

Diphtheria has broken out in two homes. The matter is to be brought under the notice of the Board of Health, in the absence of any municipal authority.

BATHURST, Thursday.

The ninth annual meeting of the directors of the Bathurst No. 5 Star-Bowkett Society was held to-night. The report showed the society to be in a sound financial position, and notwithstanding the depression it had had a successful year. The balance-sheet showed assets £28,001 10s 2d, and liabilities £25,230 9s 3d, the balance of assets over liabilities being £2770 0s 9d.

BERRIGAN, Thursday.

Miss M'Donald, who disappeared in a mysterious manner, has returned home.

COBAR, Thursday.

A concert was given yesterday by the Caledonian Society in aid of the family of the late secretary, Mr. D. M'Gregor. Nearly £20 was realised.

FORBES, Thursday.

The executive of the United Progress Associations has decided to hold the annual conference at the Town Hall, Sydney, on April 14. The Premier has agreed to open the conference.

LITHGOW, Thursday.

Last night at the School of Arts, under the auspices of the progress association, Miss Rose Scott lectured to a good audience on the women's vote and how to use it. Mr. J. Ryan, president of the association, presided, and about 200 women were present, besides a number of men.

TINGHA, Thursday.

Sickness, principally blight and pneumonia, prevails all over the district, together with several cases of typhoid fever. Fortunately none have proved fatal as yet.

WAGGA, Thursday.

A public meeting, convened by a requisition signed by 50 prominent citizens, is to be held on Monday night for the purpose of presenting an address of sympathy to Mr. Arthur Kenny; also a purse of sovereigns to recoup his expenses in connection with the late charge wrongfully brought against him.

WALGETT, Thursday.

In this district only 29 persons are in receipt of old-age pensions.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

Inspector Maguire has again visited Wellington in the matter of the new post-office, and it is understood that the Government is entering into negotiations for the occupation of new premises during the time occupied putting up the new building.

MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE.

MR. O'SULLIVAN AND THE STOCKTON PUNT.

A conference of representatives of the City Council, the Stockton Council, and the Williamstown, Saltash, and Fullerton Cove progress committees was held to-night for the purpose of considering the action of the Minister for Works in refusing to go on with the construction of a steam cargo punt for the service between Newcastle and Stockton. The Mayor, Alderman Cann, presided, and according to his statement of the case it appeared that the sum of £3200 had been voted by Parliament for the work, but the Minister had decided that the work must stand over because the amount voted was not sufficient to provide for the approaches. He thought the Government was deserving of censure in this matter. Various speakers referred to the great inconvenience which was occasioned to farmers on the Stockton side getting their produce to Newcastle. Reference was also made to the increase in traffic owing to closer settlement, and to the singular fact that in every other centre the Government provided a steam punt service where no bridge existed. After considerable discussion it was decided that a deputation wait on Mr. O'Sullivan during his visit to Newcastle next month.

STREET COLLECTIONS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In view of the fact that the citizens of Sydney and suburbs are to be appealed to by lady collectors in the streets twice within the next two months, and that this practice is now so frequently adopted to raise charitable funds, I desire to offer a suggestion, through your paper, that a public honorary advisory board should be appointed (by Act of Parliament preferred), consisting of the State Premier, the Lord Mayor of Sydney, the Inspector-General of Police, the chairman of the Hospital Saturday Fund, and the heads of a few similar public bodies, with the town clerk of Sydney as hon. secretary. To this body should be referred for approval and endorsement every intended charitable appeal to the citizens, who would thus be afforded some protection from too frequent and sometimes indiscriminate appeals.

I am, &c., WALTER W. DORMAN.

AUSTRALIAN AND IMPERIAL DEFENCE.

THE CONTROVERSY IN THE ENGLISH PRESS.

MR. COPELAND'S VIEWS.

The following letter, published in the "Morning Post," was written by Mr. H. Copeland in reply to a suggestion by Mr. Loring, hon. secretary of the Imperial Federation (Defence) Committee, that the United Kingdom's responsibility for the safety of self-governing colonies should terminate at the end of three years, and that in the meantime the question of a joint partnership in that responsibility be considered:—

"Sir,—If I were a member of the Imperial Federation (Defence) Committee I should certainly move that the hon. secretary, Mr. Arthur H. Loring, be requested to break his pen and throw his inkbottle on to the dust-heap. Otherwise the committee should change its title to 'Imperial Annihilation Committee,' as most assuredly his writings have much more in common with the latter title than with the former one. A little while ago Mr Loring was tilting most vigorously against the Imperial proposal to give facilities for allowing a few Australian youths to enter the British navy as cadets, and was apparently of opinion that this privilege should be reserved solely for the British youths resident in the United Kingdom. Evidently, according to this gentleman's dictum, British youths resident in Australia should have no lot or part in the defence of the Empire by the British Navy. This is a sentiment not greatly calculated to infuse much enthusiasm in the minds of Australians for strengthening the bonds of national brotherhood. In your issue of to-day this gentleman suggests a still more novel method of developing Imperial federation. He proposes that 'it be announced (by the Imperial Government) that after the expiration of, say, three years the present responsibility of the United Kingdom for the safety of the self-governing colonies will come to an end, and that in the meantime the United Kingdom is prepared to enter on the consideration of any proposals for the joint undertaking of those responsibilities with any of the self-governing colonies who may wish to adopt such a course.'

"Now, what does Mr. Loring think would be Australia's reply to such a cold-blooded proposal? As a resident of 46 years in those colonies, I may, perhaps, be supposed somewhat capable of gauging the temper of Australians in such matters, and I don't mind giving my opinion that the purport of their reply to any such proposal would be: 'If you find us such a burden we prefer severing the connection and taking our "independence," inasmuch as when we have cut all political ties with the Empire and its wars and quarrels we shall have little need of protection from the British fleet. We should then have no bad blood with any nation, and none would be likely to attack us. In the event, however, of any of them choosing to do so, we should be strong enough effectually to resist any attempt at invasion of our country. A maritime Power might shell a few of our coast towns or cities, but the Power is not yet created that could send out men enough to face the reception they would meet on attempting to land on our shores.' The Australian statesmen, however, in such circumstances would doubtless display sense enough to avoid giving cause for such an event, and the time has gone by when civilised nations rush into unprovoked butchery. Moreover, most of the great Powers are doing a satisfactory business with us at present, and trade is evidently the ruling sentiments with most nations these times. Now, I do not wish to appear as one opposed to the principle that each of the self-governing colonies should contribute a fair proportion towards the defence of the Empire—quite the reverse, inasmuch as I was the first to initiate the system by which Australia and New Zealand at present contribute £126,000 per annum towards the cost of the British Navy on the Australian station. As far back as 1881 in the New South Wales Parliament I moved the following resolution:—'That in the opinion of this House one moiety of the cost of maintaining such of her Majesty's ships as are in commission on the Australian station should be borne rateably by the Australian Colonies and New Zealand in proportion to the estimated population of each colony,' and though I did not succeed in carrying my motion, as the idea of sharing in the burdens of the Empire was too novel to be entertained, yet six years later identically the same proposal was carried into law as it now stands. I mention this to show that I am not opposed in principle to what the Imperial Federation Committee are doubtless advocating, but any proposal, however good it may be, is easily ruined by foolish or injudicious advocacy.

"Time is required to change the opinion of self-reliant and intelligent self-governing communities, and only children and fools would attempt to pluck unripe fruit. The advance displayed by Australia towards sharing in the defence of the Empire during the last three years, which and had not to be asked for, but was virtually forced on the Imperial Government by the people of Australia, should be sufficient to satisfy men whose judgment is worth having. Beware, however, of 'spurring the willing horse,' inasmuch as Australian horses particularly are very apt to buck when they feel the spur. Fortunately we have statesmen at both ends of the line who have much more prudence than the hon. secretary of the Imperial Federation (Defence) Committee, and that gentleman would, I think, do well to take somewhat of a back seat if his heart is really in the cause he advocates, and he wishes to see it succeed. Mr. Loring describes Australia as in a 'defenceless condition.' Has that gentleman any knowledge of the fortifications of our harbours or the number of riflemen, mounted or otherwise, we could place in the field in our own country at a day or two's notice, or has he any information as to the facilities which our State railways give us of concentrating our defence forces at a few hours' notice at any part of our coast likely to be attacked by an enemy? If not, I would advise him to read up the matter before he again attempts to lecture Australia on her supposed lack of patriotism. Yours, &c.,

"HENRY COPELAND,

"Agent-General for New South Wales."

SYDNEY LABOUR COUNCIL.

GRIEVANCES OF VANMEN.

DAY LABOUR v. CONTRACT.

THE RECENT GOVERNMENT ESTIMATE.

A SEARCHING INQUIRY SUGGESTED.

The weekly meeting of the Sydney Labour Council was held at the Trades Hall last night. The president (Mr. E. Riley) presided, and there was a large attendance of members.

Several professional singers and variety artists wrote, bringing under the notice of the council "the unfair competition between Civil servants and themselves." The letter stated that there were a number of artists in Government employment who, owing to their positions being permanent, were able to take engagements with variety companies in the suburbs and on Sunday concert boats at a smaller salary than professional artists. After discussion the letter was referred to the executive.

Mr. R. Roach drew attention to the working of the Traffic Act, which it was stated dealt unfairly with vanmen. The men were compelled to become licensed, but they gained no protection from men who controlled unregistered vans. The Act was considered to be unworkable, and the speaker asked for the co-operation of the council to lay the grievances of vanmen before the Premier, when certain amendments would be suggested.

Mr. Mitchell reported that a union had been formed in connection with the Fresh Food and Ice Company. Sixty employees had already joined.

Mr. W. Edwards (Amalgamated Carpenters and Joiners' Association) moved the following resolution:—"1. That this council reaffirms its opinion that the carrying out of public works by the State under the day labour system is the most economical and just method to the taxpayers generally. 2. That this council having heard the report of the deputation to the Minister for Works in regard to letting to a private contractor the joinery work in connection with the new pavilions now in course of erection at the Prince Alfred Hospital, wherein it was stated that the reason the work was not carried out by day labour was that the estimate by Mr. King was £1371 in excess of the lowest tender received,—this council requests that a searching inquiry should be made by the Minister for Works into the circumstances surrounding the case; that the specifications submitted to the officer in charge of the works and to the contractors who submitted prices should be examined; also that an explanation should be given by those responsible as to why the usual procedure of calling for tenders through the press was departed from in this instance. 3. That the foregoing resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Works by the secretary of the council."

Mr. J. Willett seconded the resolution.

Mr. Aaron said there was no fairer man in the employ of the Government than Mr. King. He believed that no blame whatever was attachable to him, and members before taking action should wait until a proper report had been received.

Mr. Vernon considered that the motion was an unwise one. He moved as an amendment,—"That the members of the Carpenters and Joiners' Associations affiliated with the council should apply to the Works Department for the specifications connected with this particular work."

Mr. Cockran said the matter should be investigated. He fully recognised the fact that the influence exercised by trade-unionists was not comparable to that wielded by the coterie known as the Builders and Contractors' Association. That body had emissaries everywhere, and they unceasingly endeavoured to control the works policy not only of the State but also that of the Commonwealth.

Mr. G. Jones, M.L.A., said that the object of members should be to secure an impartial inquiry to ascertain if a mistake had not been made in the matter. They all advocated the day labour system, and they were therefore anxious that it should have a fair trial. In the present case a board of experts should be appointed to find out where the discrepancy had occurred.

Mr. Edwards, in reply, said he did not wish to attach blame unfairly to any officer in the department. All they asked was that an investigation should be made into the whole matter.

The amendment on being put was lost, the motion being carried on the voices.

The following Parliamentary committee was appointed to deal with all matters of a political character claiming the attention of the council:—Messrs. G. Bell, R. Roach, H. Dearks, C. Fox, D. Moon, G. Horn, and S. J. Coy.

Rosa Negretti, aged 104, who has died from burns at Vercelli, Northern Italy, remembered seeing Napoleon when he was known only as General Bonaparte.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

Transactions on the Mining market yesterday were fairly numerous, with a firmer tendency in Barrier silver stocks, and advances in the majority of Western Australian gold companies. With one or two exceptions Charters Towers ventures were somewhat easier. Queen Cross Reef changed hands at 57s 6d, 57s 9d, but afterwards advanced to previous day's figures with a sale at 58s. Bonnie Dundee, following upon the report from the field published yesterday, were 1s firmer at 12s 3d, Craven's Caledonia changed hands at 6s 3d, Band of Hope, paid, at 30s 3d, and Victoria and Caledonia Block had a further decline, with sales of contributing shares at 13s 6d, 13s 3d. In silver shares, Broken Hill Proprietary at 34s 6d, Broken Hill Junction, 3s 11d, 4s, and North Broken Hill at 11s 3d, all shared in the upward movement, while Broken Hill South, paid, were a fraction easier at 25s 6d. Gympie gold stocks were quiet. No. 1 North Oriental sold at 28s, No. 1 South Oriental at 10s 9d, and Oriental Extended, contributing, at 5s 2d. Copper companies were without business, but the steady advance in the metal and a growing feeling that something will eventuate from the suggested amalgamation scheme of the Mount Lyell and North Lyell companies, caused a demand for these stocks. Buyers of the former offered 70s, an advance of 16s since last week, with holders quoting 75s, and 27s was offered for the latter without response. Tin stocks were neglected, the only sale being in Smith's Creek Proprietary at the somewhat easier figures of 21s 3d. In local gold New Hillgrove Proprietary at 2s 8d was the only transaction. Beyond an exchange of South Kalgurli at 25s 3d no business was reported in Western Australian ventures at the better figures quoted.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyer.	Seller.
COAL.		
Bellambi	50/	—
East Greta	25/	—
Hetton	—	66/
Newcastle	16 10	17 2 6
Stockton	6/	8/
Vale of Clwydd	20/	21/
Wallsend	85/0	85 5/
Waratah	7/	9/
Wickham and Bullock Island	2 6	2/9
Ditto, preferential, £1 pd.	5 6	6/
COPPER.		
Great Cobar	77/	—
Mount Garnet Freehold	—	1/
TIN.		
Briseis	8 6	—
Smith's Creek Proprietary	—	19 6
SILVER. New South Wales.		
British Broken Hill	8 6	—
Ditto, new	7/	—
Broken Hill Proprietary	34 3	34 9
Block 10	30 6	32 9
Block 14	4 8	5/
B.H. Junction	3 10	—
Junction Nth.	2	2 3
North Broken	11/	11 9
North Central	4d	—
B. H. South	25 6	25 9
Ditto, con.	15 6	16
New White Leads	4d	—
Sulphide Corporation	5 6	6/
Ditto, preference	11/	—
Tasmania.		
Curtin and Davis	1 4	1 9
Mount Lyell	70/	75
North Mount Lyell	27/	—
GOLD. New South Wales, &c.		
Ballarat of New South Wales, con.	—	3
Lachlan Gold Fields	8/	9/
Mount David	1/	—
Mt. Drysdale	—	7 9
Occidental	8	9 9
Peak Hill	—	1 3
Dredging and Sluicing Companies.		
Araluen Central	10 9	11 9
Araluen Valley Consolidated	—	6/
Cope's Creek	7/	—
Jembaicumbene	6/	—
Jembaicumbene Middle Ground	6 9	—
Queensland.		
Band of Hope	30	30/6
Bonnie Dundee	13/	14/
Brilliant Block	13/	—
Brilliant Central	64/6	—
Brilliant Extended	22/	24/
Ditto, con.	18/	20/
Brilliant St. George	25/	27/
Ditto, con.	21/	—
Clark's Brilliant Worcester, &c.	3/	3 6
Day Dawn Gold Mines	17/6	19/
Deep Level G. Mine	4d	—
Day Dawn Freehold Consolidated, paid	13/	14/
East Oriental and Glanmire	—	5 0
Kelly's Queen Block	—	3 2
Ditto, con.	—	1 9
Marshall's Queen	23 3	24/
Mt. Morgan	83 6	84/
N. Columbia and Smithfield No. 1, old	—	3 0
N'th Oriental and Glanmire	1 9	2/
N'th Oriental and Glanmire No. 1	—	28/
N'th Oriental and Glanmire No. 2	—	2 10
No. 1 North Victory	—	8
Oriental and Columbia Consolidated	1 3	1 6
Oriental and Glanmire	—	18 8
Oriental Extended	5/	5 3
Papuan	—	13 3
Queen Central	22 3	22 7½
Ditto, con.	18/6	—
Queen Central Block	6 3	7/
Ditto, con.	1 4	1 7
Queen Cross Reef	57 6	58/
Queen Cross Extended	2/1	2 4
Smithfield and P. Golden Pile	—	4 9
South Glanmire and Monkland	87 3	88/
South Great Eastern No. 2	75/	77/
South Oriental and Glanmire No. 1	10 5	10/10
Vesuvius	19/	19 9
Victoria G.M. Association	4 9	4 11
Victoria and Caledonia Block	14 6	15/
Ditto, con.	13 1½	13 6
Western Australia.		
Associated	44/	46/
Ditto Northern Blocks	72 6	75
Chaffer's	5/	6/
Great Boulder	21/7½	22/
Ditto Main Reef	14/	15/
Gt. Boulder Persever'ce	11 15/	12 0/
Hainault	15 3	—
Ivanhoe	8 12 6	8/16/
Ivanhoe Junction	2 3	2 8
Kalgurli, London register	85/	92/6
Kalgurli South, London register	25/	27/6
Lake View Consols, L.R.	59/	—
Ditto, Share Warrants	59 9	61/
Oroya Brown Hill	60/	61/6
Queen Margaret	3 3	4 3
Victory United	6d	—

EXCHANGE SALES.

The following sales were reported:—Forenoon: Overnight sale—No. 1 North Oriental, 28s. On 'Change: Victoria and Caledonia Block, contributing, 13s 6d. Later: South Kalgurli (L.R.), 25s 3d: Bonnie Dundee, 12s 3d; Smith's Creek Proprietary, 21s 3d. Noon: Broken Hill Proprietary, 34s 6d; Queen Cross Reef, 57s 6d, 57s 9d; Broken Hill Junction, 3s 11d, 4s. Later: North Broken Hill, 11s 3d; Broken Hill Junction, 4s; Victoria and Caledonia Block, contributing, 13s 6d, 13s 3d; No. 1 South Oriental, 10s 9d. Afternoon: Broken Hill South, paid, 25s 6d; New Hillgrove Proprietary (18s paid), 2s 8d; Band of Hope, paid, 30s 3d; Craven's Caledonia, 6s 3d. Later: Victoria and Caledonia Block, contributing, 13s 3d; Broken Hill South, paid, 25s 6d; Oriental Extended, contributing, 5s 2d; North Broken Hill (terms 14 days), 11s 3d; New Hillgrove Proprietary (18s paid), 2s 8d; No. 2 North Victory, 7d; Queen Cross Reef, 58s; B. H. Proprietary, 34s 6d.

The half-yearly general meeting of shareholders of the Ovens Valley Gold-dredging Company, No Liability, was held at the company's office, Pitt-street, yesterday. The report and balance-sheet were adopted. It was stated that the dredge is now working on the new claim in the river, and will clean up for the fortnight to-morrow.

The Smith's Creek Proprietary Tin Mines, No Liability, advises the receipt of the following telegram from the manager, dated 23rd instant:—"For the past week we crushed 200 tons from dump at No. 1 shaft for 10 tons tin and 200 tons from superficial deposit for 2½ tons tin. Our total now stands at 350 tons from dump and 85 tons from open cut, for an average of 6¼ per cent. and 203 tons of the superficial deposit for 1¼ per cent. Have 15 tons concentrates bagged, 5 on drying floors and balance on mill floors. In order to keep mill going, we must draw occasionally on surface ore until hoisting plant is completed and stopes at bottom level opened."

Mr. T. P. Husband, secretary of the Briseis Tin Mines, returned to Melbourne yesterday from Tasmania. He states that the mine is looking splendid, and the water supply is ample. One inch of rain was registered at the mine on Wednesday.

The Broken Hill Proprietary Company, Limited, advise that the output for the four weeks ended on Wednesday last, including product from ores purchased, was as follows:—Gold, nil; silver, 370,686oz. fine; soft lead, 5025 tons; antimonial lead, 41 tons estimated.

The Mount Lyell Mining and Railway Company, Limited, has declared a dividend (the 24th) of 1s per share, payable on April 1. Transfers books close on March 14.

An effort is being made by the Chamber of Mines to induce the Department of Mines to encourage the formation of prospecting associations, and to subsidise the funds of such associations, in order to provide employment to miners who are competent to prospect for new deposits, but who lack the means. the chamber is of opinion that by this means relief might be afforded to many of the unemployed miners and any other men competent for the work, and at the same time deposits might be discovered.

The Mount Morgan G.M. Company has declared a dividend of 3d per share for February, payable on Monday next.

No. 4 North Phœnix Company (Gympie) has declared a dividend of 1s 6d, payable to-day.

BARRIER MINES.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

Block 10 mill treated for the week ended February 18 1887 tons crude sulphides, which produced 313 tons concentrates of good metal value. Despatches totalled 508 tons concentrates to Port Pirie, leaving estimated balance in hand of 646 tons. Ullrich's magnetic zinc separator continues to treat about 1 ton of tailings per hour with the same satisfactory results as lately reported. Progressive work at the new power station on the mine and concentrating plant on the western lease is being rapidly pushed forward. At the former the erection of large coal bins and trestle work for the railway overhead is well in hand, and at the latter the top bench of the excavation for the mill should be finished within a week. Productive workings throughout the mine are looking first-class, and everything is in good order, refilling being well up to date. Development work at all points is making fair headway. Harvey shaft has now reached 17ft. below the 615ft. plat.

The five Mechernich magnetic zinc separators working at the Central mine are showing increased activity, and are now dealing with over 1000 tons of middle products weekly, with very satisfactory results. The North Central property, lately acquired by the Sulphide Corporation, is being used as a dumping-ground for the Central's tailings.

At the Junction mine progressive work at the 775ft. level continues to be hurried on, and it is anticipated that the north and south drives will meet almost immediately, when the main level will be formed from the Junction North boundary to Browne shaft, a distance covering nearly 800ft.

INTER-STATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Sales and quotations on the Exchange to-day were:—Broken Hill Proprietary, 34s, 33s 10½d, 34s, b 33s 6d, s 34s; Block 14, 5s 3d, b 5s 3d, s 5s 4d; British, old, 8s 6d, 8s 7d, 8s 6d, b 8s 4½, s 8s 6d; Broken Hill Junction, 4s 1d, 4s 1½d, b 4s 1½d, s 4s 2d; North Broken Hill, 11s 1½d, b 11s, s 11s 1½d; South Broken Hill, contributing, 15s 3d, 15s, b 14s 9d, s 15s 3d; South Blocks, paid, 6s, b 5s 11d, s 6s 1d; ditto, contributing, 2s, b 1s 11½d, s 2s; Junction North, 2s, 2s 1d, b 2s, s 2s 1d; Sulphide Corporation, 5s 7d, 5s 8d, 5s 10d, 5s 11d, b 5s 11d, s 6s; Associated Gold Mines, Col., 45s, 44s 6d, 44s 3d, b 44s 3d, s 44s 6d; Associated Northern Blocks, Col., 73s 6d, 73s 3d, b 73s, s 73s 6d; Great Boulder Proprietary, 22s, 22s 1½d; Oroya Brownhill, Col., 61s 3d, 60s 9d, 60s 6d, b 57s 9d, s 61s; Ivanhoe Junction, 2s 6½d, 2s 6d, b 2s 6d, s 2s 7d; Lake View Consols, Col., 60s, 59s 9d, b 59s, s 59s 6d; Lake View South, 1s 4d, 1s 3d, b 1s 3d, s 1s 5d; Premier, 3s 3d, b 3s 3d, s 3s 6d; Princess Royal, contributing, 38s, 38s 3d, b 38s 3d, s 38s 9d; Queen Margaret, 3s 6d, 3s 7d, 3s 8d, b 3s 8d, s 3s 9d; South Kalgurli, 26s, 25s 9d, 25s 6d, b 25s 6d, s 25s 9d; Corbin's Prospecting, £32, £34, £32 10s, b £31, s £33; All Nations, £9 17s 6d, £10, £9 17s 6d, b £10, s £10 5s; Winnecke Junction, £20, £21, b £20, s £21; Winnecke's Proprietary, £14, £14 10s, £14, b £13 15s, s £14 5s; Winnecke's Reward, £86, £81, £90, £88, b £88, s £90; New Chillagoe, 3s 8½d, 3s 9d, b 3s 8d, s 3s 9d; Mungana, 1s 10½d, b 1s 10d, s 1s 10½d; Stannary Hills, 9s 7d, 8s 9d, b 8s 9d, s 9s 10d; Smith's Creek, 21s 3d, 19s 6d, b 19s 6d, s 20s.

BENDIGO, Thursday.

Sales on the Exchange to-day were: Cumberland and Phœnix, 2s 6d; Great Columbian, 16s, 17s 6d, 19s 9d; Horwood and Burrowes, 1s 2d; Hustler's Reef, 15s, 15s 6d, 14s 6d; Hustler's Reef, No. 1, 26s 9d, 26s 6d, 26s 3d; New Moon United, 1s 0½d; North Byron, 7½d to 9½d; North Nuggety, 11d; South British, 1s 10d; South Star Extended, 2s 8d.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

On the Exchange to-day Brilliant Extended contributing sold at 19s 6d forward; and New Chillagoe at 3s 9d. Quotations were: New Chillagoes contributing s 3s 9d; Chillagoe Debentures b £52; Smith's Creek, s 22s; Stannary Hills, b 9s, s 9s 6d.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Thursday.

Sales on the Exchange to-day were:—Bonnie Dundee, 12s 6d to 13s 6d; Brilliant Block, paid, 13s 6d to 14s; Brilliant Freehold, paid, 5s 7d; Clark's B. W. and Victory, contributing, 2s 1d; Grant and Sunset, 5s 9d; Kelly's Queen Block, paid, 3s; Queen Central Block, contributing, 1s 6d, 1s 7d; Ruby, 7s; ditto, paid, 7s 7d; Ruby United, 3s 2d, Ruby Macdonald, 11d; Ruby South, 10d; Ruby and Queen, 10d; Vesuvius, 18s 6d; Victoria and Queen, 57s; Victoria and Caledonia, contributing, 13s 5d, 13s 2d.

Quotations were:—Bonnie Dundee, b 13s 7d, s 14s; Brilliant Central, b 64s, s 67s; Brilliant Block, b 12s 6d, s 13s 3d; ditto, paid, b 13s 9d, s 14s; Brilliant Freehold, b 5s 3d, s 5s 8d; ditto, paid, b 5s 7d, s 5s 8d; Brilliant Extended, b 19s, s 20s 6d; ditto, paid, b 22s 6d, s 23s 6d; Clark's B.W. and Victory, b 2s, s 2s 1d; ditto, paid, b 3s 2d; Currency Lass, b 2s 7d, s 3s; ditto, paid, b 2s 11d; Day Dawn P.C., s 2s 9d; Day Dawn Gold Mines, b 18s 3d, s 18s 6d; Day Dawn West, b 1s 1d; ditto, paid, b 1s 3d; Day Dawn Consolidated, b 10s; Eclipse, b 4½d, s 5d; ditto, paid, s 1s 6d; East Mexican, b 2s 6d; Alexandra, b 7d; Grant and Sunset, b 4s, s 4s 6d; ditto, paid, b 5s 9d, s 6s; Grand Junction, b 5s 3d; ditto, paid, b 7s 6d; Kelly's Queen, s 1s 9d; ditto, paid, b 2s 11d, s 3s 1d; Kulamadau, b 1s 9d, s 2s; ditto, paid, b 2s; Marshall's Queen, b 23s; ditto, paid, 24s 6d; Mills' United, b 7s 7d, s 8s; Morning Star, b 3s 6d, s 5s; New Queen, b 4s 6d, s 4s 8d; North Queen, b 5s 6d; ditto, paid, b 5s 9d; Papuan, b 12s, s 14s; Phœbe, b 2s 9d, s 3s; Queen Cross Reef, b 57s 6d, s 58s; Queen Cross Extended, b 2s 1d, s 2s 2d; Queen Central, b 19s, s 19s 3d; ditto, paid, b 20s 3d, s 22s 6d; Queen Central Block, b 1s 7d; s 1s 8d; Ruby, b 7s 1d, s 7s 3d; ditto, paid, b 7s 6d, s 7s 9d; Ruby United, b 1s 6d, s 1s 10d; ditto, paid, b 3s 1d, s 3s 2d; Ruby Macdonald, b 11d, s 1s; Ruby South, b 10d, s 10½d; ditto, paid, b 1s 11d, s 2s; Ruby and Queen, s 10½d; Vesuvius s 20s; Victoria and Queen, b 57s, s 58s; Victoria and Caledonia, b 12s 10d, s 13s; ditto paid, s 14s 3d; Victoria G.M., s 5s 3d; Wallis Day Dawn, b 9d, s 1s.

GYMPIE, Thursday.

Sales on the Exchange to-day were:—Australasian, 1s 6d; Columbia Smithfield, 4s; No. 3 South Great Eastern, 3½d; Oriental Surprise, 1s 4½d; No. 1 North Oriental, 26s 3d; No. 2 ditto, 2s 8d, 2s 11d; North Oriental, 1s 9d; No. 5 North Phœnix, 3s 1d, 3s 4d; Phœnix Eastern Tributes, 1s 4½d; No. 2 North Victory, b 6½d, s 7d.

Quotations were:—Australasian, b 1s 5d, s 2s 3d; No. 1 North Columbia, new, b 2s 3d, s 2s 7d; Columbia Extended, b 1s 1½d, s 1s 3½d; Glanmire and Monklands Tribute, 6d, 9d; No. 1 South Great Eastern, b 10d, s 1s; No. 3 ditto, b 3½d, s 4d; Oriental Surprise, b 1s 4d, s 1s 4½d; No. 1 North Oriental, b 25s 9d, s 27s; No. 1 South Oriental, b 10s 4d, s 10s 10d; North Oriental, b 1s 9d, s 1s 10d; Oriental Extended, contributing, b 5s 1d, s 5s 2d; East Oriental, paid, b 4s, s 5s; ditto, contributing, b 3s, s 3s 10d; Oriental and Columbia, paid, b 1s 3d, s 1s 8d; Phœnix Golden Pile, b 10d, s 10½d; No. 5 North Phœnix, b 3s 1d, s 3s 1½d; No. 6 ditto, b 8d, s 10½d; Phœnix Eastern Tribute, b 1s 4½d, s 1s 5d; Smithfield Golden Pile, b 3s 8d, s 4s 3d; North Smithfield, b 5s 6d, s 7s; South Scottish, b 8d, s 9d; No. 2 North Victory, b 6½d, s 7d; Home Rule, paid, b 1s, s 1s 6d; ditto, contributing, b 10d, s 1s.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

Stock Exchange quotations and sales to-day were:—New Pinafore, buyer 1s 2d, seller 1s 6d, sales 1s 4d; Tasmanian Gold Mine, b 70s; Volunteer, b 4s 4½d, s 4s 6d; New Golden King, b 1s 4d, s 1s 8d; New Golden King, paid, s 2s 3d; Magnet, s 20s; Hercules, b 4s 6d, s 5s 3d; Mount Lyell, b 64s; North Lyell, b 27s 6d; North Mount Farrell, b 4s; Mount Bischoff, b £38 15s, s £39 5s; Arba, b 13s; South Esk, b 1s 4d, s 1s 7d; Mount Rex, b 3s 4d, s 3s 6d, sales 3s 4d.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The following are the buying and selling quotations and prices of sales effected in the share market to-day.

Silver: Broken Hill Block 10, b 30s, s 31s, sales 30s 9d; Block 14, b 4s; British Broken Hill, b 8s; Broken Hill Proprietary, b 34s, s 34s 3d, sales 34s; Broken Hill, paid, b 24s 9d, s 25s, sales 25s; ditto, contributing, b 15s, s 15s 3d, sales 15s 3d; Broken Hill South Blocks, paid, b 6s; ditto, contributing, b 2s, s 2s 1d; Broken Hill Junction, b 4s, s 4s 1d, sales 3s 10d, 4s 1d; Broken Hill Junction North, b 2s, s 2s 1d, sales 2s 2d, 2s 1d, 2s 2d; North Broken Hill, b 11s, s 11s 6d; Victoria Broken Hill, s 1s; Sulphide Corporation, b 5s 10d, s 5s 11d, sales 5s 11d.

Tasmanian copper, silver, and gold: Crown Lyell, b 3½d, s 4½d, sales 4d; Curtin and Davis, b 1s 4d; Hercules, s 6s; Lyell Tharsis, b 5d; Mount Lyell, b 71s 6d, s 72 6d, sales 65s, small lot 71s, 71s 6d; North Mount Lyell, b 29s 3d, s 29s 6d, sales 28s 3d, 29s 6d; Tasman and Crown Extended, b 6d, s 8d; ditto, paid, b 1s 0½d.

Queensland copper and silver: Mungana, s 2s.

Miscellaneous copper and silver: Copper Top (S.A.), b 1½d; Winnecke Junction, sales £20, £21; Winnecke Proprietary, sales £14; Winnecke Reward, £80, £84, £82; Paul Northey Syndicate, sales £10.

Tin mines: Arboum, b 1s, s 2s; Mount Bischoff, b £39; Briseis, b 9s 7d, s 9s 9d, sales 9s 8d; Brothers' Home No. 1, b 7s 6d, s 7s 9d, sales 7s 3d, 7s 2d, 7s 6d; Stannary Hills, b 9s; Smith's Creek, b 19s, s 19s 9d, sales 19s 6d, 19s 3d; Surprise Gully, b 10d, s 1s, sales 9d, 10d.

Victorian gold mines: All Nations, b 3s 1d; Amalgamated Scots and Perthshire, s 1s; Berry Extended, b 48s; Birthday, b 45s; Birthday Tunnel, b 26s, sales 24s, 25s 6d; Birthday Tunnel North, b 1s 7d, s 2s 6d; Black Horse United, b 6s, s 6s 9d; Bristol, b 6d, s 1s; Buckeye, b 4d, s 1s; Byron Reef, b 15s 3d; Caledonian, s 2s 6d; ditto, paid, b 2s 1d, s 2s 3d; Campbell's Creek, b 1s 6d, s 2s 6d; Casslia, b 28s 6d, s 29s 6d; Cathcart Proprietary, s 2s 6d; Chalk's No. 3, b 4s, s 4s 6d; Clarence, s 37s; Columbia, b 1s 8d; Cumberland and Phœnix, b 2s 3d, s 2s 9d, sales 2s 9d, 2s 6d; Duchess of York, b 1s, s 2s; Duke and Main Lead Consols, s 4s 3d; Duke North, b 2s 9d; Duke of Wellington, b 3s 4½d, s 3s 6d, sales 3s 4d, 3s 6d, 3s 5d, 3s 5½d; Duke of York, b 5s 3d, s 5s 8d; ditto, paid, b 4s 3d, s 5s 4d; Federal and Shannon, b 1s 7d; First Chance, b 4s, s 4s 6d; Glenfine No. 1, b 2s 4d, s 3s 3d; Glenfine North, s 4s; Glenfine South, b 16s 6d, s 17s, sales 17s 6d, 17s; Golden Dyke, b 2s 6d, s 5s; Great Northern Extended Consols, b 2s 6d; Great South Long Tunnel, b 1s 6d, s 1s 9d, sales 1s 3d, 1s 11d, 1s 9d; Great Southern, b 15s, s 16s; Great Southern No. 1, s 9s; Great Southern Consols, b 5s, s 5s 8d; Hans, b 1s 3d; Hibernia, b 9d, s 1s 6d; ditto, paid, b 1s, s 2s; Hustler's Reef, b 14s 3d, s 14s 7½d, sales 14s 6d, 15s 6d, 14s 9d, 14s 10½d, 14s 3d; Hustler's No. 1, b 26s, s 26s 6d, sales 24s 3d, 26s 9d, 25s 6d, 26s; Jubilee, s 45s 6d; King Cassilis, b 2s 9d, s 3s 3d; Long Tunnel, s 12s; Long Tunnel Extended, b £11 18s, s £18, sales £12 1s, £12; Lord Nelson, s 58s; Lord Nelson North, b 6d; Madame Berry West, b 17s; Main Leads North, b 8s, s 8s 9d; Maude and Homeward Bound, s 3s, sales 3s; M'Intyre's, b 2s, s 2s 6d; Mount Morgan, s 88s; New Dempsey, b 30s 6d, s 38s, sales 38s; ditto, paid, b 36s, s 36s 6d, sales 36s 6d; New Loch Fyne, s 20s; New Moon, b £6 10s; New Stirling, b 6d, s 1s 3d; North Dempsey, b 1s 3d, s 1s 6d, sales 1s 6d; ditto, paid, b 1s 5d, s 2s, sales 1s 7d, 1s 6d (small lot); North Sir John Franklin, s 1s 3d; Nuggety Extended, s 1s 6d; Prentice and Southern, s 3s; Quartz Hill, b 4s 6d, s 5s 3d (small lots); Reef Hill, b 4s, s 4s 2d, sales 4s, 4s 1d; Rob Roy, b 1s 3d, s 1s 5d; ditto, paid, s 2s; Russell's Reef, b 11d, s 1s 1d; Sebastopol Plateau No. 1, b 26s 3d, sales 26s, 26s 3d; Sir John Franklin, b 1s 9d, s 2s 2d; ditto, paid, b 1s 9d, s 1s 10d; South British, b 1s 11d; South Birthday, b 25s, s 25s 9d; South Dempsey, b 5d, s 5½d, sales 6d, 5½d, 6d (small lots); South German, s 21s, sales 18s; South German Extended, s 10d; South New Moon, b £6 8s, sales £6 8s, £6 9s (small lots); South Quartz Hill, b 3d; South Star Extended, b 2s, s 2s 9d, sales 2s 9d; South Victor's, b 3d; ditto, paid, b 6d, s 1s 3d; Spring Hill Leads, s 18s 6d; Star of the East, b 13s 6d, s 16s; Vesuvius, s 20s; Victoria (Charters Towers), s 5s; Victor's Quartz, b 10s 3d, s 10s 9d; Volunteer, sales 4s 3d; West Berry Consols, s 6s; White Star (8s 5d paid), s 2s 6d; ditto (10s paid), b 3s 1d, s 4s; William's Fancy, s 5s.

Western Australian Gold Mines: Associated, b 44s; Associated Northern Block, b 72s; Bayley's Consols, b 2s, 3s 3s 6d; Great Boulder Proprietary, b 21s 9d, s 22s.

GOOD FINDS IN VICTORIA.

AN EIGHTY OUNCE NUGGET.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Good finds of gold are reported to have been made at Tarnagulla. Claims are being pegged out in all directions. A nugget weighing 80oz. has been found by Messrs. Lancaster and party.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MINES.

KALGOORLIE, Thursday.

On Tuesday last Messrs. Bewick, Moreing, and Co. cabled to the London office of the Cosmopolitan Proprietary that the main shaft had been sunk a further 25ft. in ore averaging 10½dwt. over a width of 6½ft. At the No. 6 level the reef end of the north drive now averages 15½dwts. for a width of 5½ft. The south drive of this level has been extended a further 8ft. in ore assaying 7dwt. for a width of 4½ft.

Yesterday the same firm cabled to the London office of the Lake View Consols that the lode recently picked up in the main north drive 125ft. from the Perseverance boundary had been opened up for a length of 85ft., the average bulk assay value of the ore for the full distance driven being 18dwt. to the ton over a width of 20ft. The present end of the drive is 40ft. south of the boundary, assay value of face being the same as above.

ARLTUNGA GOLDFIELD.

FURTHER RICH DISCOVERY.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

A prospector named Woodford has found a new reef carrying gold three miles north-east from Paddy's Goose, on the Arltunga Goldfield. He discovered rich gold on top of an immense quartz outcrop on Cumming's Golden Junction. The Coronation is developing splendidly, the lodes proving richer as they are opened. Splendid results were dollied to-day. The prospects of the field are generally excellent; 50 out of 250 reserved shares in Winnecke's Depot Reward to-day sold in Adelaide at £80 each. Shares afterwards jumped to £91 each.

MOUNT LYELL AND NORTH LYELL COMPANIES.

SUBSTANTIAL ADVANCE IN SHARES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The news that a substantial advance in the price of copper in London had been accompanied by a sharp rally in Mount Lyell Mining and Railway shares to well over 70s had its effect on the local market, and before the day was out scrip was carried to 71s 6d, sales. North Lyell shares were also reported to have shared in the advance and they accordingly improved to 29s 6d, dealing being brisk. There were not a few who regarded the strength of the market as a hopeful augury respecting the amalgamation of the two companies.

LONDON MINING MARKET.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday quotations for the undermentioned mining ventures were:—

Associated Gold Mines, £2 5s.
Mount Lyells, £3 15s.
North Lyells, 27s 6d.

GOLD-DREDGING RETURNS.

Araluen Central Gold-dredging Company, No Liability, No. 2. dredger, working 140 hours, won 24oz. 11dwt. from the top mats only.

GOLD YIELDS.

No. 1 North Oriental and Glanmire (Gympie) crushed 1532 tons for 936oz. retorted gold.

No. 4 North Phœnix, 208 tons for 119oz. 14dwt. smelted gold.

FATALITIES AND CASUALTIES

A TRAM CONDUCTOR INJURED.

A tram conductor named Henry James, living in Mary Ann-street, Ultimo, fell from a tram in George-street yesterday, receiving concussion of the brain. He was removed to Sydney Hospital and admitted by Dr. Corfe.

ACCIDENT TO AN OLD MAN.

Yesterday afternoon Peter Hands, 79, of Abercrombie-street, slipped on the footpath near his residence, and fractured his skull He was taken to Sydney Hospital and admitted for treatment.

KNOCKED DOWN BY A CAB.

George O'Brien, a resident of Crown-street, Woolloomooloo, was knocked down by a cab in King-street yesterday. He was removed by the Civil Ambulance to Sydney Hospital, and admitted suffering from injuries to the ribs, &c.

KNOCKED DOWN BY A TRAM.

Shortly before 10 o'clock last night a woman was knocked down by a tram at the corner of George and Hay streets. She was picked up in an unconscious condition, and conveyed by Constable Spicer to Sydney Hospital, where she was admitted for treatment. Up to an early hour this morning the sufferer had not regained consciousness. A prescription was found in her pocket bearing the name of Mrs. Steer.

SUPPOSED SUICIDE OF A DOCTOR.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The coroner has been advised of the death this afternoon by shooting of a middle-aged man whose identity has not yet been established. On Monday, deceased engaged a room at 295 Spring-street, and paid a week's rent in advance. His only luggage was a small leather portmanteau labelled "Dr. Roper," but he explained that he had just returned from Western Australia, and that his luggage would be sent next day. No luggage, however, turned up. Deceased appeared to be in ill health, suffering from lung trouble. He was too ill to go out yesterday, and retired to his room early in the afternoon. This was the last seen of him. A report as if a revolver had been discharged was heard to come from his room this afternoon, and when the room was entered the man was found lying on the bed with a bullet wound in the left temple. Life was extinct. Deceased's portmanteau contained a circular from the Medical Defence Association of Victoria, and the following pencilled note addressed to Mr. C. A. Altman, F.R.C.S., Bright:—"Please send my things to Swanston-street." A telegram was sent by the police to Mr. Altman, but no reply has yet been received.

A BANK MANAGER SHOT.

GLEN INNES, Thursday.

Mr. G. J. Ramsay, manager of the A.J.S. Bank for eight years, shot himself in the head about 1 p.m. to-day while in his office. He is in a critical condition.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT DEAD.

PARKES, Thursday.

Edward Birmingham, aged about 40, charcoal-burner and dealer, was accidentally shot dead about 8 p.m. yesterday. Deceased called at Pritchard's blacksmith's shop with a cart containing charcoal to get a bag of chaff. There was no one at the shop, and he sent a lad to Pritchard's residence. Mrs. Pritchard came to open the door. Birmingham was sitting in the cart preparing to receive the chaff, when a loaded rifle which was lying lengthways on the load went off. The bullet penetrated his left side near the heart and came out close to the right arm. Deceased leaves a widow and large family.

A PEA RIFLE ACCIDENT.

WAGGA, Thursday.

Pea rifle accidents have been very numerous lately in the town and district. Another occurred yesterday, the victim being a youth named Drover, aged 15. He was shooting rabbits some distance from the town and was about to place the rifle on a log, holding it carelessly at the time. It exploded, the ball passing through the palm of one hand and coming out a few inches above the wrist. He is being treated at the hospital.

ACCIDENTS AT BROKEN HILL.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

Mr. H. K. Norris, who was injured on Tuesday night by a tram, lies in the hospital in a somewhat critical condition.

Henry Fletcner, a miner employed at the Proprietary, was working in a stope at the 500ft. level when he missed his footing and slipped down the ladderway, about 10ft. Besides breaking one rib he received a severe shaking.

DENILIQUIN, Thursday.

A coroner's inquest was held yesterday on the body of Andrew Brown, for many years cook at Murgah station. The deceased came to town on Friday last and commenced a spree, taking no nourishment excepting a basin of broth on Tuesday. A verdict was given of death through alcoholic excess.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

An elderly man named Anthony Considine was crossing the railway bridge over Hughes Creek, near Avenel, this evening, when an express train bound from Sydney dashed past him. Considine was thrown from the bridge on to the stones 30ft. below. Both arms were broken, flesh was torn from his legs, and he was also badly shaken.

LICENSED DRAINERS' ASSOCIATION.

The fortnightly meeting of the Licensed Drainers' Association was held at the Queen's Hall on Wednesday evening. The president (Mr. B. Jones) occupied the chair. The draft rules and application form were signed, and the secretary was instructed to forward them to be registered. It was decided to invite architects, builders, and property-owners generally when they require drainers to apply to the association.

CHINESE PLOTTING A REVOLT.

News from Hongkong, dated January 28, states that preparations for a supposed general rising in China have been discovered. Numerous arrests have been made. The prisoners are charged, under the Foreign Enlistment Act, with fitting out a military expedition against a friendly State. A strong body of police has been despatched to guard the British frontiers in the Kowloon concession on the mainland. From native sources it has been learned that the outbreak was planned to take place in Canton on the eve of the Chinese new year. It is said that the plotters had determined to put to death the Empress and various officials of high rank on account of over-taxation of the people to meet the foreign indemnity claims.

It is alleged that the Triad Society has been engineering the affair and has been enlisting in Hongkong and neighbouring ports many recruits from among the malcontents who are tired of Chinese rule and would be glad to live under a foreign Government.

This revolutionary movement, which has led to the arrest of seven Kwansi rebels, is said to be a very serious attempt to overthrow the central power and establish a separate government in the south of China. None of the arrested men is prominent; the real leaders are said to be in the interior collecting forces. The revolutionary organisation embraces the provinces of Kwang Tung, Kwangsi, Kwei Chau, and Fokien. The authorities are well informed of the rebels' plans, and the best opinion is that the movement will be unsuccessful.

Mr. W. L. Landfried, one of the trumpeters who sounded the charge at Balaclava, has just died at Hove.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Feb. 26.

Warrego, s., 1552 tons, Captain George King, from Cairns, via ports. Passengers—28 in the saloon and 85 in the steerage; also 7 through passengers for Melbourne. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Oonah, s., 1757 tons, Captain H. A. Morrisby, from Hobart, with passengers. F. W Jackson, agent.

Illawarra, s., 502 tons, Captain J. Garde, from Shoalhaven. Illawarra S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Newcastle, s., 1251 tons, Captain Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River Company, agents.

Marloo, s., 2698 tons, Captain William Knight, from Fremantle, via Bunbury, Vasse, Albany, Adelaide and Melbourne. Passengers: 26 in the saloon, and 28 in the steerage. G. S. Yuill and Co., agents.

Mildura, s., 2217 tons, Captain T. Law Johnstone, from Brisbane, via Newcastle. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

Willyama, s., 2705 tons, Captain M'Rae, from South Australian ports. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Allinga, s., 2441 tons, Captain K. A. Berg, from Melbourne. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Allowrie, s., 504 tons, Captain S. Bishop, from Eden, via ports. Illawarra S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Dorrigo, s., 504 tons, Captain James Colvin, from Byron Bay, Woolgoolga, and Coff's Harbour. Passengers—3 in the saloon and 4 in the steerage. G. W. Nicoll, agent.

Kyogle, s., 700 tons, Captain Edward Farrell, from Clarence River, with passengers. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Thistle, s., 64 tons, Captain D. Callaghan, from Cape Hawke. F. Buckle, agent.

Electra, s., 335 tons, Captain A. Forbes, from Manning River. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

DEPARTURES.—Feb. 26.

Birksgate, s., for Fiji, via Noumea.
Oonah, s., for Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—Feb. 27.

Damascus, s., for London, via the Cape and ports; Barwon, s., for Melbourne and Geelong; Warrego, s., for Melbourne; Allinga, s., for Queensland ports; Peterborough, s., for Shellharbour; Allowrie, s., for Bateman's Bay and coast ports; Hawkesbury, s., and Narara, s., for Hawkesbury River; Illawarra, s., for Shoalhaven ports; Woy Woy, s., for Gosford and Wyong; Baden Powell, s., for Nambucca River; Dorrigo, s., for Tweed River and coast ports; Newcastle Company's steamer for Newcastle.

CLEARANCES.—Feb. 26.

Birksgate, s., 1458 tons, Captain James Banks, for Noumea, Lautoka, Suva, and Levuka. Passengers—Miss Regan, Mr. A. Waddell, Mr. Turner, and 30 in the steerage.

COASTERS OUTWARDS.—Feb. 26.

Flirt, ktch., for Brisbane Water.

IMPORTS.—Feb. 26.

Warrego, s., from Cairns, via ports: 3668 bunches bananas, 31 pieces cedar, 17 cases slags, 4 bales marsupial skins, 19 bags hides, 137 casks molasses, 235 bags ore, 34 hides, 1 bale sheepskins, 75 cases preserved fruit, 13 cases silk, 2 bales hides, 279 cases fruit, 8 bags oysters, and a quantity of general cargo.

Marloo, s., from Melbourne: 40 cases jam, 103 cases nails, 121 ingots tin, 110 pieces timber, 41 boxes soap, 972 bags chaff, 20 reels barbed wire, 337 bags wheat, 76 half-cases fruit, 14 cases pears, 41 bags rye, 117 boxes butter, 1560 quarter-bags flour, 50 sacks seed, and sundries.

Oonah, s., from Hobart: 139 cases 440 half-cases fruit, 292 bags peas, 485 cases jam, 130 cases desserts, 50 cases pulp, 20 hogsheads ale, 9 casks tallow, 23 bales wool, 211 bags bark, 94 bags chaff, 225 bales hay, 3·00ft. timber.

Dorrigo, s., from Byron Bay, via ports: 364 cases butter, 10 cases eggs, 200 bags maize, 15 bags grass seed, 9 rosewood logs, 6 pine logs, 5 beech logs, 14 pigs, 2 coops fowls, 12,000ft. sawn hardwood, and sundries.

Kyogle, s., from Clarence River: 699 bags maize, 4 bags bottles, 34 bags bones, 3 bags oysters, 2 bags pumpkins, 15 bags bark, 4 bundles skins, 102 cases eggs, 54 cases fish, 17 coops poultry, 1 horse, 91 hides, 2 casks ale, 231 boxes butter, 5 logs cedar, 7 sewing machines, and sundries.

Allowrie, s., from Eden, via ports: 2543 cheeses, 729 cases butter, 9 bales wool, 6 bales skins, 1054 bags bark, 312 bags quartz, 34 bags bacon, 37 bags potatoes, 60 bags chaff, 8 bags oysters, 2 casks tallow, 10 cases cheese, 3 cases fish, 16 cases eggs, 111 pigs, 1 horse, and quantities of empties and sundries.

Thistle, s., from Cape Hawke: 15 cases fish, 39 pigs, 12 hides, 2 cases eggs, 1 coop poultry, and sundries.

Electra, s., from Manning River: 80 bags maize, 7 bales millet, 32 cases eggs, 5 cases candles, 7 cases fish, 10 coops poultry, 8 hides, 105 boxes butter, 38 pigs, and sundries.

Feb. 27.

Marere, s., from London, via Melbourne: 91 packages whisky, 58 packages corks, 150 packages metal, 75 bales printed matter, 728 cases dates, 550 packages drapery, 31 cases pickles, 74 packages cartridges, 200 cases sardines, 20 packages essences, 15 barrels linseed oil, 28 packages infants' food, 50 hogsheads ale, 445 packages paint and colour, 47 cases champagne, 56 packages floorcloth, 563 packages white lead and oil, 175 drums oil, 20 packages stores, 298 packages lamps, 50 packages woollens, 1868 rails and sundries.

Custom-house.—Entered outwards: Feb. 26, Kurdistan, s., for Brisbane; Pax, bq., for London; Taiyuan, s., for Manila, China, and Japan, via ports; Warrego, s., for Melbourne, Marloo, s., for Fremantle, via ports; Allinga, s., for Cairns, via ports.

The new steamer Marere, of the Tyser line, which will arrive on her maiden voyage from London, via Melbourne to-day, will berth at Tyser's Wharf, Miller's Point.

The Adelaide Steamship Company's steamer Marloo (Captain W. Knight), from Fremantle 13th instant at 10 p.m., via ports, arrived yesterday morning and berthed at the Grafton Wharf at 9.30 a.m. Calls were made at Bunbury, Vasse, and Albany in W.A. At the firstnamed port 165 loads of timber were taken in, and 25 loads at the latter ports. Albany was left at 7 a.m. on the 16th instant. Strong to fresh easterly winds with head seas were encountered crossing the Bight, the Semaphore being reached at midnight on the 19th instant, Adelaide was left at 6 p.m. on Saturday last, and Melbourne at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, pleasant weather prevailing throughout.

The A.U.S.N. Company's cargo steamship Mildura, which arrived at 7 o'clock last evening from Brisbane, via Newcastle, experienced light N.W. and variable winds with fine weather throughout.

Among the sailing vessels now due at Newcastle to load coal cargoes are the following:—Ananrus, sh., from Table Bay, 37 days; David Evans, four-masted sch., from Fremantle, 24 days; Kinross-shire, four-masted bq., from Port Pirie, 6 days; Kylemore, bq., from Melbourne, 6 days; Lorton, bq., from Adelaide, 14 days; Red Rock, sh., from Table Bay, 31 days.

The Warrego, of the A.U.S.N. Company's line, with 113 passengers for Sydney, in addition to a number of through passengers, arrived from Cairns, via several Queensland ports, at 6 45 a.m. yesterday. Captain George King reports having experienced thick showery weather and heavy southerly swell and variable winds from Brisbane.

MOVEMENTS OF MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Orizaba, from London, arrived at Melbourne at 7 a.m. yesterday, and subsequently sailed again for Sydney.

The R M.S. India, bound from Sydney to London, arrived at Adelaide from Melbourne at 8.20 a.m. yesterday, and left again for Fremantle at 2.40 p.m.

The R.M.S. Arcadia, from Sydney, bound to London, arrived at Colombo on Wednesday last.

The G.M.S. Friedrich der Grosse, from Sydney, bound to Bremen and Southampton, arrived at Adelaide, from Melbourne, at 9.40 a.m. yesterday.

The G M.S. Bremen, from Bremen and Southampton, is due here this morning. She passed Green Cape at 11 a.m. yesterday.

The F.M.S. Polynesien, from Marseilles, is due at Sydney to-day. She passed Green Cape at 3.50 p.m. yesterday.

The J.M.S. Yawata Maru, from Melbourne bound to Japan, will arrive at Sydney to-day, having passed Green Cape at 5.40 p.m. yesterday.

PASSENGERS BY THE DAMASCUS.

The following passengers have been booked by the Damascus, sailing at noon to-day for Natal, Capetown, and London, via ports:—Mr. J. Allsopp, Mr. R. Boustead, Mr. P. J. Cullen, Mrs. Graham, Master Graham, Mr. Denis Harvey, Mr. Edward Harvey, Mr. Frank Harvey, Mrs. Henry, Mr. S. Krerouse, Mr. J. Kirker, Miss Kirker, Mr. C. A. Lee, Miss C. Morrison, Miss A. E. Marshall, Miss Murray, Mrs. Rowan, Mr. S. Southworth, Mr. R. Somerset, Captain Warby, Mrs. Warby, Mr. C. G. Abel, Mr. A. Allen, Mr. A. Borello, Mr. C. Bolt, Mr. J. Boyne, Mrs. Bradley and infant, Mrs. Digby Cummings and infant, Mr. Digby Cummings, Miss E. A. Cocks, Messrs. H. Cominos, J. Crighton, H. Crichton, J. Currey, A. Dinan, F. Dhana, H. R. Dougherty, T. Dawe, W. Edds, A. Fletcher, Miss Furness, Mrs. Gascoyne, Miss Gascoyne, Miss Bertha Gascoyne, Mrs. T. P. Greene and infant, Masters W. and A. Greene, Miss Gladys Greene, Messrs. J. Gefferys, F. W. Howard, Mrs. Holden, Wm. Holden, Miss Lily Holden, Mr. F. K. Howard, Mrs. Howard, Miss Howard, Messrs. John Howard, A. Jenkins, J. Keam, J. Lawson, B. M'Queen, D. M'Mullan, V. Mazzo and child, S. Minciullo, P. Osborne, J. Paterson, W. Platt, W. Parton, G. Prestidge, J. Parton, B. Pieces, M. Reines, D. Rees, P. Rodman, Mrs. Rodman, Mrs. M. Richardson, Miss J. Richardson, Mrs. A. Richardson, Miss M. Richardson, Miss L. Richardson, Miss E. Richardson, Miss M. Richardson, Miss J. Richardson, Master L. Richardson, Messrs. W. H. Rose, H. E. Reading, G. Rothbaum, W. Roles, W. Richardson, Mrs. Schultz and infant, Messrs. John Schultz, Harold Schultz, D. Scott, John Tait, E. Truda, D. Truda, Mrs. M. Truda and infant, Messrs. G. Truda, jun., V. Truda, B. Truda, Patrick Walsh, Philip Walsh, Mrs. Whykes, Mrs. Wilce, Miss Wilce, Miss A. Wilce, Messrs. H. Williams, W. J. Ward, and Mrs. Ward.

THE UNION LINERS.

The Warrimoo arrived at Wellington yesterday.

The Flora left Launceston yesterday for Sydney.

The Aparima leaves Newcastle to-morrow for Lyttelton.

SAILING VESSELS DUE.

The following is a list of sailing vessels now due at Sydney:—

Alsterufer, four-masted bq. (RKVC), from Tacoma—57 days.
Benicia, sh. (JCHP), from Tacoma—52 days.
Brilliant, sh. (RBKC), from London—101 days.
Du Couedic, bq. (HWPB), from San Francisco—64 days.
Edward, brig (JSNH), from Kaipara—15 days.
General Roberts, four-masted bq. (JPLM), from Table Bay—44 days.
Gunford, four-masted bq. (MTHD), from Hamburg—91 days.
James Johnson, four-masted bqtn. (KQTC), from Tacoma—64 days.
Pericles, sh. (QTFG), from London—78 days.
Rosalia d'Ali, bq. (RSQT), from New York—104 days.

VOYAGE OF THE R.M.S. ORIZABA.

The R.M.S. Orizaba, from London, via the usual ports of call, left Melbourne yesterday, and is due here early to-morrow morning. She left London on Jan. 16, and after calling at the usual itinerary ports, arrived at Naples on Jan. 25. Having embarked mails she left again at 4 o'clock next morning, and experienced a strong N.E. monsoon across the Indian Ocean, which considerably retarded the passage of the ship. The Orizaba reached Fremantle on the 19th instant, leaving again at 5 a.m. on the 20th instant. Departure was taken from Adelaide on Tuesday, and she arrived at Melbourne yesterday. The weather throughout was exceptionally cool, thus adding to the enjoyment of the usual deck games, dances, &c. Captain R. Archer has the following officers associated with him:—Mr. M. S. Nicholson, chief officer; Mr. E. Eccleston, second officer; Mr. F. R. Roberts, third officer; Mr. A. D. Shephera, fourth officer; Mr. J. L. Howling, purser; Mr. T. W. Reader, assistant purser; Dr. J. A. D. Thompson, surgeon; Mr. J. M'Kendrick, chief engineer; and Mr. F. G. Dickson, chief steward.

CARGO BY THE DAMASCUS.

The following are the principal lines of cargo by the Damascus sailing to-day: 2109 bales wool, 6460 ingots copper, 2000 bags copper matte, 1450 ingots tin, 2600 bars bullion, 67 tons cobalt ore, 1300 bags copper ore, 560 cases kauri gum, 412 cases pearlshell, 1800 bars copper, 130 bales leather and basils, 25 bales hair, 40 bales furskins, 350 crates rabbits.

THE WARRIMOO DELAYED BY FOGS.

Our Wellington correspondent cabled last evening to the effect that the Union Company's steamship Warrimoo, which sailed from Sydney on Saturday last for Wellington, did not arrive there until yesterday, the delay having been due to bad weather and fogs.

THE FLORA.

The Union Company's steamer Flora, which is to replace the damaged steamship Wakatipu in the Launceston trade while repairs are being effected, sailed from Low Head at 4.27 p.m. yesterday for Sydney.

THE GULF OF ANCUD AT ADELAIDE.

The steamship Gulf of Ancud, which sailed from Liverpool on Jan. 3 for Australian ports, arrived at Adelaide yesterday.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

BRISBANE.—Arr: Feb. 26, Barcoo, s., from Townsville; Konoowarra, s., from Sydney; Cintra, s., from Sydney. Dep.: Feb. 26, Allanton, s., for Newcastle; Australian, s., for Sydney; Cimba, sh., for Chili; Duke of Devonshire, s., for Rockhampton.

COOKTOWN.—Dep.: Feb. 26, Maranoa, s., for Brisbane.

CAIRNS.—Arr.: Feb. 26, Wyandra, s., from Sydney.

TOWNSVILLE.—Arr.: Feb. 26, Rockton, s., from Cairns.

KEPPEL BAY.—Dep.: Feb. 26, Tyrian, s., for Townsville.

GLADSTONE.—Arr.: Feb. 26, Burwah, s., from Brisbane. Dep.: Feb. 26, Burwah, s., for Rockhampton.

TWEED HEADS.—Arr.: Feb. 26, Rescue, tug, and Alcides, dredge, at 4.30 p.m., off the bar. Passed: Feb. 26, Konoowarra, s., at 6.30 a.m., north.

BYRON BAY.—Arr.: Feb. 26, Cavanba, s., at 1.30 p.m. Passed: John Williams, s., at 1.55 p.m., north.

RICHMOND HEADS.—Arr.: Feb. 26, Ramornie, s., at 7.10 a.m. Dep.: Oakland, s., at 6 a.m., Lady Musgrave, s., at 10.20 a.m., Eliza Allen, sch., at 6.15 p.m. Passed: John Williams, s., at 11.30 a.m., north.

CLARENCE HEADS.—Arr.: Feb. 26, Kallatina, s., at 5.40 a.m., from Sydney; Oakland, s., at 10.30 a.m., Lady Musgrave, s., at 2.20 p.m., both from Richmond River.

WOOLGOOLGA.—Passed: Feb. 26, two schooners at 7 a.m. and 10 a.m., both south.

BELLINGER HEADS.—Arr.: Feb. 26, Wootton, s., at 7 a.m., from Sydney; Defender, s., at 7.30 a.m., Alert, tug, at 7.30 a.m., both from Nambucca; Rosedale, s., at 8 a.m., from Sydney.

NAMBUCCA HEADS.—Dep.: Feb. 26, Defender, s., at 5.30 a.m., for Bellinger Heads; Baden Powell, s., at 6 a.m., for Sydney.

TRIAL BAY.—Arr.: Feb. 26, Macleay, s., at 6 p.m.

SMOKY CAPE.—Passed: Feb. 26, Port Stephens, s., at noon, Chillagoe, s., at 3.20 p.m., both north.

PORT MACQUARIE.—Arr.: Feb. 26, Forster, ktch., at 5.30 p.m., Sir George, ktch., at 6.30 p.m., Federal, sch., at 6.50 p.m., all from Sydney.

TACKING POINT.—Passed: Feb. 26, Barrier, s., at 5.45 p.m., north.

CAMDEN HAVEN HEADS.—Dep.: Feb. 26, Australia, sch., at 7 a.m.; Bellinger, s., at 7.35 a.m.; Three Cheers, sch., at 8.20 a.m.

CROWDY HEAD.—Passed: Feb. 26, a ktch. at 7 a.m., a ktch. at 9 a.m., topsail sch. at 10.10 a.m., a bgtn. at 11.30 a.m., all north; Trilby, s., at 9.40 a.m., one of Howard Smith Company's steamers at 5 p.m., Baden Powell, s., at 5.15 p.m., all south.

MANNING HEADS.—Arr.: Feb. 26, Alfred Fenning, ktch., at 5.30 p.m. Dep.: Pyrmont, s., at 8.35 a.m., Duroby, s., at 8.40 a.m., Electra, s., at 8.50 a.m.

CAPE HAWKE.—Arr.: Feb. 25, Willinga, sch., at 4 p.m. Feb. 26, Hawke, s., at 5.35 a.m., Thistle, s., at 5.40 a.m., Commonwealth, s., at 5 a.m. Dep.: Feb. 26, Thistle, s., at 6.30 a.m., for Sydney; Hawke, s., at 6.35 a.m., for Sydney; Aleda, sch., at 6.55 a.m., for Newcastle; Shannon, sch., at 7.35 a.m., for Sydney; Paris, sch., at 6.50 a.m., for Newcastle.

SEAL ROCKS.—Passed: Feb. 26, Tomki, s., at 4.10 p.m., Bellinger, s., at 5.15 p.m., both south; Kincumber, s., at 6.15 p.m., north.

PORT STEPHENS.—Passed: Feb. 26, Hawke, s., at 11.35 a.m., Thistle, s., at 11.45 a.m., Kyogle, s., at 12.45 a.m., Isabel, s., at 3 p.m., Electra, s., at 3 p.m., Pyrmont, s., at 5.55 p.m., a steamer at 7 p.m., all south; Strathord, s., at 6.30 p.m., north.

CATHERINE HILL BAY.—Arr.: Feb. 26, Wallarah, s., at 6 a.m., Maud Weston, s., at 6 a.m., both from Sydney. Dep.: Wallarah, s., at 12.15 p.m., Maud Weston, s., at 3.10 p.m., both for Sydney.

BARRANJOEY.—Dep.: Feb. 26, Helen Moore at 9.20 a.m., for Port Stephens.

NEWCASTLE.—Arr.: Feb. 26, Ananrus, four-masted American bqtne., from Delagoa Bay; Antares, German sh., from Table Bay; Thessalus, Swedish ship, from Melbourne; Paris, sch., from Cape Hawke; Mildura, s., from Brisbane; Shamrock, s., Namoi, s., Sphene, s., Blythswood, sh., from Sydney. Dep.: Feb. 26, Wanaka, s., for Launceston; Barrier, s., for Cairns, via Townsville and Brisbane; Ballumbi, bq., for Tortorallillo, Chili; Stratford, s., for Cebu and Manila; New Guinea, s., for Melbourne; Duckenfield, s., for Dunedin; Orellana, bq., for Eten, Peru; Mildura, s., Beagle, s., Isabella, sch., Brunner, s., Helen Nicholl, s., Wave, ktch., Kurrara, s., Namoi, s., Moresby, s., all for Sydney.

SOUTH HEAD.—Passed: Feb. 26, Wanaka, s., at 11.37 a.m., south; a barque in tow at 1.28 p.m., north.

BELLAMBI.—Arr.: Feb. 26, Malachite, s., at 3 a.m., Berga, s., at 6.20 a.m., both from Sydney.

WOLLONGONG.—Arr.: Feb. 26, Illawarra, s., at 9.30 a.m., from Kiama. Dep.: Illawarra, s., at noon, for Sydney.

KIAMA.—Arr.: Feb. 26, Kiama, s., at 6 a.m., from Sydney. Dep.: Kiama, s., at 10 a.m., for Sydney.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS.—Dep.: Illawarra, s., at 5 a.m., for Sydney.

JERVIS BAY.—Passed: Feb. 26, one of Howard Smith Company's steamers at 1.30 p.m., Kameruka, s., at 2.25 p.m., a steamer with red funnel and black top at 6.45 p.m., all south; Allinga, s., at 3.20 p.m., Darius, s., at 5.30 p.m., both north.

BATEMAN'S BAY.—Dep.: Feb. 26, Peterborough, s., at 9.30 a.m., for Sydney.

BERMAGUI.—Arr.: Feb. 26, Eden, s., at 10.30 a.m., Wollongong. Dep.: Feb. 26, Eden, s., at 11.30 a.m., for Tathra.

GREEN CAPE.—Passed: Feb. 26, Glaucus, s., at 7.15 a.m., Pilbarra, s., at 11.20 a.m., Anglian, s., at 2 p.m., Perth, s., at 6.20 p.m., all south; Bremen, G.M.S., at 11 a.m., a barque at 11.5 a.m., Peregrine, s., at 2 p.m., Polynesien, F.M.S., at 3.50 p.m., Yawata Maru, J.M.S., at 5.40 p.m., all north.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—Passed inward: Feb. 26, Kalgoorlie, s., at 2.15 p.m. Outward: Feb. 26, Kadina, s., at 7.25 a.m., Wyrallah, s., at 8 a.m.

MELBOURNE.—Arr.: Feb. 26, Orizaba, R.M.S., from London; Arawatta, s., Kalgoorlie, s., and Yarrawonga, s., all from Sydney; Australian, s., from Launceston; Barrabool, s., from Newcastle; Burrumbeet, s., from Adelaide. Dep.: Feb. 26, Pareora, s., for Fremantle; Sonneberg, s., Edderton, s., Nineveh, s., Age, s., and Orizaba, R.M.S., all for Sydney; Pateena, s., for Launceston; Melbourne, s., for Devonport; Hirotha, bq., for Wellington.

WARRNAMBOOL.—Arr.: Feb. 26, H. J. H., ktch., at 12.30 p.m., from Port Pirie.

GEELONG.—Arr.: Feb. 26, Age, s., at 6 p.m., from Melbourne.

LOW HEAD.—Dep.: Feb. 26, Flora, s., at 4.27 p.m., for Sydney; Coogee, s., at 5 p.m., for Melbourne.

DEVONPORT. Arr.: Feb. 26, Easby, s., at 7.20 a.m., Togliaferro, s., at 8.15 a.m., both from Melbourne.

DOVER.—Dep.: Feb. 25, Lotus, bq., at 2 p.m., for Fiji.

STRAHAN.—Arr.: Feb. 25, Kawatiri, s., at 8.45 p.m., from Melbourne.

ADELAIDE.—Arr.: Feb. 26, Friedrich der Grosse, G.M.S., from Melbourne; Nemesis, s., from Bunbury; Gulf of Ancud, s., from Liverpool. Dep.: Feb. 26, India, R.M.S., for London.

ALBANY.—Passed: Feb. 26, Australia, R.M.S., and a two-masted steamer, with yellow funnel, both east.

FREMANTLE.—Arr.: Feb. 25, Meissen, s., from Hamburg; Wollowra, s., from Eastern States. Dep.: Feb. 25, Euryalus, s., and Sydney, s., for the Eastern States.

WELLINGTON.—Arr.: Feb. 26, Warrimoo, s., from Sydney. Dep.: Feb. 26, Mackrihanish, bq., for London.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

KAIPARA.—Dep.: Feb. 26, Jessie Craig, bq., for Sydney.

"PROFESSOR PRIM" AND LAND TAX EXEMPTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In your issue of the 30th ultimo, you published a letter of "Professor Prim" on the above subject. That letter shows that the Professor believes in land value taxation, even to the extent of supporting the single tax policy—or fad. He condemns the labour party for its selfishness in supporting exemption under the Land Tax Act. He would repeal exemption under that Act, so that all landowners should pay land tax without exception; although exemption under that Act is only £240 of the unimproved capital value; but he says nothing about repealing the exemption under the Income Tax Act; although the exemption under that Act is £200 of the annual value, or equal to about £5000 of the capital value. If there should be no exemption under the Land Tax Act, why should there be exemption under the Income Tax Act? Is it because the "Professor" has no land to tax, but has an income liable to taxation? Is there nothing selfish in advocating that the other fellow should pay all the taxes? I think there is, and gross selfishness too.

I believe Mr. Reid, having an intimate knowledge of the climatic changes New South Wales is subject to—even to the extent of long droughts, such as we are now suffering from; and a full knowledge of the land laws of the State, committed the greatest error—I might say blunder—of his life, in putting a land tax on country land, knowing the land taxpayer would be liable for the land tax in bad seasons, as in good ones, when he had a loss, as when he made a profit. And I believe Mr. Reid, being a highly intelligent man, must have known he was doing wrong, in making country land liable to land taxation. But to keep in power he had, I suppose, to buy the support of the land taxers of the time. This long drought has shown the evil—the criminal folly—of the land tax, as applied to country land. And I think, Mr. Reid, and every member who voted for a land tax on country land, should now feel heartily ashamed of themselves. A land tax may be a proper tax in a city, or town, but not in the country in New South Wales, for the reasons above given. I believe there are many graziers and farmers in the interior, who have had a loss each year since the Land Tax Act came into force, and notwithstanding the continual losses, they had to pay the land tax. The land tax was like the last straw to break their backs.

There is no real hardship in having to pay a reasonable income tax, with a reasonable exemption, when a man has the income out of which to pay the tax. But for the man on the land, in a time of drought, when his flocks and herds are perishing, and his crops a failure, and sometimes without water to drink, and having a loss each year instead of a profit; to have to borrow money year after year to pay his land tax, and pay interest on that borrowed money too, was a real hardship; a hardship which every intelligent man must see should be relieved as soon as possible. In my opinion, instead of the exemption under the Land Tax Act being repealed, the Act should be repealed, or amended as soon as possible, so that it would not apply to country land. I think it is hardly possible that "Professor Prim" should be quite ignorant of the efforts the Government, and the sympathetic public, were making for the relief of the men on the land, at the time he wrote his letter condemning the labour party for its selfishness. He has not a word of sympathy in that letter for the men on the land that the drought is ruining. Instead of sympathy, the "Professor" preaches the single tax policy—or fad; which means that the man on the land should pay all the taxes, and the "Professor" and other single taxers should stand free of taxation.

I think the "Professor" should know that in New South Wales for the past 40 years country land as a whole has not increased in value; and when sold by the Government, as a rule, has been sold at its full value, and in many cases above its use value. And the Government had to recognise that fact, and passed a reappraisement Act; and under that Act, the price of many thousands of areas of country land has been reduced, in many cases 75 per cent.

The "Professor" should also know that, when the Government sold the public estate, it sold the community's whole interest in the land sold,—the minerals in some cases excepted. But the "Professor" as a single taxer, when he had spent the purchase money of the land sold, would repudiate the contract made between the Government and the purchaser of the land sold, and would impose a tax on the land sold to the extent of its annual value. For many years, I have held the opinion that any person having a good knowledge of the land laws of New South Wales,—knowing the Government sold the land of the community at its full value—who would advocate the single-tax fad is a person wanting in intelligence. I am, &c.,

Bettowynd, Feb. 21. JOHN HYLAND.

In each of seven of the 13 completed centuries since there has been an Archbishop of Canterbury it is noteworthy that there have been exactly seven Archbishops—in the seventh, tenth, twelfth, thirteenth, sixteenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth centuries (says the "Westminster Gazette"). In the last century Archbishops Sumner, Tait, and Benson each held sway for 14 years. Dr. Temple was called the ninety-third Archbishop, but as Reginald Fitz-Jocelin was enthroned in 1191, though he lived only 29 days after his enthronement, we ought to add one to the number.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Thursday.

Average rainfall for 44 years, 49·644.
Average rainfall from January 1 to January 31, 3·[illegible].
Rainfall from January 1, 3·299.
Temperature.—Maximum, 81·8; minimum, 64·7.
Humidity.—At 9 a.m., 88°; 3 p.m., 67°.

BAROMETER READINGS.

Carnarvon, 29·94; Eucla, 29·94; Streaky Bay, 30·04; Adelaide, 30·02; Robe, 29·98; Portland, 29·95; Melbourne, 29·99; Wilson's Promontory, 29·95; Cape St. George, 29·91; Sydney, 29·96; Newcastle, 29·96; Port Macquarie, 29·98; Clarence Heads, 29·95; Brisbane, 29·96; Rockhampton, 30·02; Cooktown, 29·97.

RAINFALL.

The rainfall records for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. will be found elsewhere.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended 9 a.m.).—Hot, close, and muggy, light showers on northern highlands, heavy thunderstorms in the extreme north-east.

South Australia.—Cloudy to dull over southern parts, fine but more or less cloudy inland.

Victoria and Straits.—Cloudy on the coast, clear inland.

Northern Australia.—Unsettled throughout.

New Caledonia.—Fine and clear.

Tasmania.—Fine to cloudy generally.

Queensland.—Cloudy on the coast; fine and hot inland.

New Zealand.—Dull in the north; showery in central districts; clear in the south.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 6 P.M.

Tweed Heads, N., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Byron Bay, N.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Ballina, N.E., fine, sea smooth; Clarence Heads, N., light, fine, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, S., light, fine, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Port Macquarie, S.E., fine, sea smooth; Manning Heads, E., light, fine, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Port Stephens, E., light, fine, sea smooth; Newcastle, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Barranjoey, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; South Head, E.S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Wollongong, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Kiama, S., light, fine, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, S.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, S.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Ulladulla, calm, cloudy, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, S.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Moruya, E.N.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Eden, S.W., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Green Cape, N.E., light, cloudy, gloomy, sea smooth; Gabo Island, interrupted.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Generally fine; unsettled near northern border, with a thunderstorm or two; variable winds.—H. C. Russell.

Victoria.—Fine and warm generally, with light variable winds, chiefly north-westerly to north-easterly; sea slight.—P. Baracchi.

South Australia.—Fine and warm, with E. to N. winds; a change before long, now moving up towards the Bight.—C. Todd.

BRISBANE WEATHER BUREAU FORECAST.

New South Wales.—Thunderstorms in the north and north-east under the monsoon "Bird"; mostly fine in other parts of the State; fresh southerlies south from Newcastle.

Victoria.—Mostly fine in the northern half, but cloudy towards the coast, where foggy weather will prevail with a few passing showers.

Tasmania.—Cloudy and foggy with a few passing showers along the coast, but fine otherwise.

New Zealand.—Foggy and rainy over the greater part under "Masters."

Lord Howe and Norfolk Islands.—Fine but cloudy.

New Caledonia.—Cloudy to showery under S.E. and E. winds.

Western Australia.—Unsettled throughout with rain under the combined influence of the monsoon "Bird" and a new Antarctic disturbance "Propsting," which will also cause fresh W. and S.W. winds along the southern coast.

Central Australia and Northern Territory.—Unsettled generally over the Territory with rain of a monsoonal character under "Bird." Fine in Central Australia, with S.E. to E. winds.

South Australia.—Cloudy in the coastal district, with some showers in the far west and south-east; hot inland, and fine with N.W. to W. winds along the coast, and areas of rough sea under the advancing influence of disturbance "Propsting."

Queensland.—Conditions over this State are much the same as for the past few days, and more thunderstorms will be experienced over the greater part, especially in the north-west and south-east under the monsoon "Bird." Rain also over the peninsula.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR FEBRUARY 27.

Sun rises at 5.41, sets at 6.36; Moon, 5.27 a.m., 6.4 p.m.; Mercury, 3.31 a.m., 5.17 p.m.; Venus, 7.20 a.m., 7.36 p.m.; Mars, 8.22 p.m., 8.47 a.m.; Jupiter, 5.13 a.m., 6.23 p.m.; Saturn, 3.1 a.m., 4.38 p.m.

New Moon, February 27; full moon, March 13.

High water at Fort Denison, 8.21 a.m., 8.35 p.m.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

Victoria.—Overland, 5.30* and 7 p.m.

*Letters for Melbourne only will be accepted without late fee for the Express from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m., if posted at G.P.O. in the Special Box, which will be open for that purpose during the time stated.

Queensland.—Overland, 3.45 p.m.†

†Letters for Queensland will be accepted without late fee for the northern express from 3.45 to 4.15 p.m., if posted at G.P.O. in the special box, which will be open for that purpose during the time stated.

Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Coogee, 5.30 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Noumea.—Polynesien, 9 a.m.

Hobart.—Oonah, 11 a.m.

Townsville, Cairns, Cooktown, Thursday Island, Port Darwin, Manila, Hongkong, and Japan.—Taiyuan, 11 a.m.

Brisbane.—Peregrine, noon.

Wellington, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Moeraki, noon.

Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, from Wellington.—Waiwera, noon.

British New Guinea, New Britain, and Merouke.—Moresby, noon.

Richmond River.—Tomki, 2 p.m.

Lord Howe, Norfolk, Vila (New Hebrides), Solomon, and Santa Cruz Islands.—Titus, 3 p.m.

Clarence River.—Kyogle, 8 p.m.

Strahan, Zeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Kawatiri, 9.30 p.m.

Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Wareatea, 9.30 p.m.

*Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Kalgoorlie, 9.30 p.m.

Cooktown, Thursday Island, British New Guinea, and Gulf ports, via Brisbane.—Maranoa, 9.30 p.m.

MONDAY.

*Lyttelton, &c., N.Z., via Newcastle.—Aparima, 8 a.m.

Auckland, &c., N.Z., Navigators' Islands, Fanning Island, Honolulu, United States of America, Canada, Central America, West Indies, United Kingdom, and Continent of Europe.—Oceanic steamship Ventura, 11 a.m. Except for letters placed in the Foreign Receiver, G.P.O., which may be posted for inclusion in the mail up to 11.30 a.m. without late fee.

*Chili and Peru, via San Francisco.—Oceanic steamship Ventura, 11 a.m. Except for letters placed in the Foreign Receiver, G.P.O., which may be posted for inclusion in the mail up to 11.30 a.m. without late fee.

Eden.—Eden, 1 p.m.

Macassar and Sourabaya, via Brisbane.—Kiel, 3.45 p.m.

Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Pateena, 5.30 p.m.

TUESDAY.

Macleay River.—Burrawong, 8 a.m.

Launceston and North-West Coast of Tasmania, via Eden.—Flora, 9 a.m.

Hobart.—Anglian, 11 a.m.

Noumea.—Pacifique, noon.

Richmond River.—Ramornie, 1 p.m.

Bellinger Heads.—Wootton, 4 p.m.

United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius.—Overland to Adelaide, and thence per R.M.S. Ormuz, 4.30 p.m.

R.M.S. Ormuz (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 4.30 p.m.

Dunedin, &c., N.Z., and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Manuwai, 5.30 p.m.

Natal, Capetown, and Albany (W.A.), via Melbourne.—Damascus, 5.30 p.m.

Western Australia, via Adelaide.—R.M.S. Ormuz, 4.30 p.m.

Clarence River.—Kallatina, 8 p.m.

Byron Bay.—Cavanba, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY.

Hobart.—R.M.S. Oceana, 10 a.m.

Auckland, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Mararoa, 11 a.m.

Tonga and Samoa, from Auckland.—Manapouri, 11 a.m.

Eden.—Eden, 11 a.m.

Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Coogee, 5.30 p.m.

Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Marloo, 5.30 p.m.

Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Wareatea, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY.

Richmond River.—St. George, 1 p.m.

British New Guinea, New Britain, and Merouke, from Townsville.—Moresby, 3.45 p.m.

Natal, Capetown, and Albany (W.A.), via Adelaide.—Yarrawonga, 5.30 p.m.

* Correspondence intended for transmission by this vessel must be specially endorsed with the name of the ship.

PARCEL MAIL.

Parcels addressed to the United Kingdom, Egypt, Ceylon, India, Malta, Hongkong, via the United Kingdom, will be received at the Parcels Office, 151 Castlereagh-street, for transmission per P. and O. Company's steamer Oceana, up to 9.30 a.m. on WEDNESDAY, March 4. Parcels addressed to Fiji and Canada will be received at the Parcels Office, 151 Castlereagh-street, for transmission per C.-A. steamer Moana, up to 9.30 a.m. on MONDAY, March 23. Parcels addressed to Germany will be received at the Parcels Office, 151 Castlereagh-street, for transmission per German steamer Bremen, up to 11 a.m. on SATURDAY, March 14. Parcels addressed to France will be received at the Parcels Office, 151 Castlereagh-street, for transmission per M.M. steamer Polynesien, up to 1.30 p.m. on MONDAY, March 16. Parcels addressed to Cape Colony will be received at the Parcels Office, 151 Castlereagh-street, for transmission per Aberdeen steamer Damascus, up to 5 p.m. on TUESDAY, March 3.

A WARNING TO THE POWERS

POSSIBLE TARIFF WAR.

On January 19 Senator Lodge introduced a resolution directing the Committee on Finance to inquire whether certain countries are discriminating against the United States, and if so, what law should be passed to give the countries preferential duties which do not discriminate against this country. The resolution refers to the discriminations of France, Germany, and Russia against the United States. It went to the table in order to give Senator Aldrich an opportunity to make a statement concerning the subject. The text of the resolution follows:—

"Resolved, first, that the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire and report to the Senate whether any, and if so what, countries discriminate against any article or articles the growth or product of the soil or industry of the United States, by levying upon such article or articles duties, imposts, excises, or taxes in excess of those levied upon similar articles imported from other countries, or further in any way fail to admit products of the United States on terms as favourable as those accorded to any other nation.

"Second—If it should appear that any country or countries discriminate against the United States in the matter aforesaid, the Committee on Finance shall report to the Senate whether it is not advisable that a suitable law should be enacted by which maximum and minimum rates of duty shall be established in such manner as to give preference and advantage in rates of duty to the products of those countries which do not discriminate against the products of the soil or industry of the United States, but admit them on an exact equality with similar articles and products of other countries and on terms and at the rates of duty accorded to the most favoured nations."

The resolution is intended as a notice to foreign Governments that discriminate or propose to discriminate against the United States that she will find a method of retaliation. It is understood that the Senate Finance Committee would not attempt to originate legislation on the subject, but would prepare a plan.

The number of deaths recorded—of course many more have taken place—of nonagenarians and centenarians during 1902 was 324 (says the "Westminster Gazette"). Of these no fewer than 54 were centenarians, the largest number recorded since we have kept a record. The women again far exceed the men.

LAW REPORT.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

IN BANCO.

(Before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Owen, and Mr. Justice Pring.)

APPEAL UNDER THE GAMES AND WAGERS ACT.

CONVICTION SUSTAINED.

Re W. James (Sherwood and another respondents).

Mr. Lamb and Mr. O'Reilly, instructed by Mr. J. J. Carroll, appeared for William James, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi by which Mr. Lester S. Donaldson, S.M., and Sub-inspector Sherwood had been called upon to show cause why a writ of prohibition should not be issued to restrain them from further proceeding upon an order made against applicant. Sir Julian Salomons, K.C., and Mr. Blacket, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, appeared for the respondent Sub-inspector Abraham Robert Sherwood, to oppose the application. It appeared that James was charged with being found in a house which had been entered by warrant. Section 15 of the Act said, "Any justice upon complaint made on oath that there is reason to suspect any house, office, room, or place to be kept or used as a betting house contrary to this part of the Act may by special warrant under his hand authorise any constable to enter into such house, office, room, or place, and arrest, search, and bring before any two justices all persons found therein," &c. This warrant which purported to be issued under that section did not, however, authorise the offenders to be brought before two justices of the peace, but before the justice who signed the warrant, "or some other justice of the peace," which was the form of the schedule to the Act. But the Crown cited an authority to show that if there was any repugnancy between the schedule and the enacting part of the Act, the schedule had to yield. James was afterwards charged with being found on October 31 last in a room in Market-street, Sydney, then "kept and used for the purposes of money being received as and for the consideration for a promise to give thereafter certain other moneys on certain contingencies of and relating to certain horse races, and which said room had then been entered by a constable duly authorised by virtue of a special warrant issued under section 15 of the Act." James was fined £5, with 5s 6d costs, and in default of payment was ordered to be imprisoned for two months; and he now appealed on the grounds:—1. That the said information, summons, and conviction disclose no offence. 2. That there was no evidence to support the said information and conviction for the offence alleged therein, inasmuch as the said room was not entered under a special warrant authorised by the Games, Wagers, and Betting Houses Act, 1901. 3. That the warrant tendered and admitted in evidence was invalid.

The case was argued two or three days ago, and the Court now delivered judgment.

The Acting Chief Justice said that some time ago the Court decided that it was no offence for a person to be found in a house of the character mentioned in the Act unless the house had been entered by virtue of a warrant, and the point now taken was that although the house was entered by warrant no offence had been committed because the warrant directed that applicant should be brought before one justice of the peace when in the first part of the 15th section it was provided that he should be brought before two justices. He quite admitted that though the Legislature in the first part of the 15th section said that the offender must be brought before two justices it also stated that it should be in the form of the schedule, which only referred to one justice. This blunder had caused much trouble in the administration of justice under this Act and it enabled offenders against the law to escape from conviction. There were, no doubt, cases which showed that where a schedule was repugnant to the enacting part of the Act the schedule must give way to the Act, but in this particular case the Court was asked to hold that this defendant was not guilty of any offence by reason of this immaterial variance as to the number of justices mentioned in the 15th section as compared with the provision in the schedule of the Act. That was the only reason why the warrant was said to be defective, and all he could say was that if that was the law it would be a disgrace to the administration of justice. The law, however, did not compel the Court to perpetuate such an absurdity, and as the Court was of opinion that there was nothing in the contention raised on behalf of appellant the rule nisi must be discharged with costs.

Order accordingly.

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

Attorney-General v. Collector of Customs.

A report of the above case will be found in another part of this issue.

IN EQUITY.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson, Chief Judge.)

A FAMILY DISPUTE.

Murphy v. Murphy.

Mr. Watt, instructed by Messrs. Perkins and Fosbery (agents for Mr. W. J. Hogan, of Cobar), appeared for the plaintiff, James Murphy; Mr. Knox, instructed by Messrs. Mackenzie and Mackenzie (agents for Mr. L. G. Rouse, of Gulgong), appeared for the defendant, James Vivian Murphy. Plaintiff's statement of claim set out that he was in March, 1896, the registered owner of certain c.p. and c.l. lands situated at Tallewang, and also the owner of some live stock and farming implements, and was engaged as a farmer and grazier. In 1896 he was compelled to travel for his health, and he left the defendant, who was his son, in charge of the farm in the capacity of manager. In March, 1900, the plaintiff was residing in San Francisco, and was in indifferent health. Defendant came from Sydney to see him. Plaintiff's statement of claim further alleged that at his son's request he went with his son to a lawyer's office, and there signed a document the contents of which he (the plaintiff) did not at the time understand. Only recently, since his return to this State, had he discovered that the document was a form of transfer for the transfer of the c.p. and c.l. lands, and that the defendant had been registered in the books of the Lands Department as the owner of the properties in question. This document was signed by plaintiff without independent legal advice, and he did not intend to transfer to the defendant the whole or any part of his interest in the property, and no consideration was given for the transfer, while at the time it was executed he was so infirm in body and incapable in mind that he was unable to understand the meaning or effect of any document or business transaction. Plaintiff submitted that under the circumstances the transfer was not his true act and was not binding upon him; that it should be set aside, and that defendant should be ordered to do all things necessary to vest the property in him. The defendant denied that he had taken any advantage of the plaintiff, and contended that his father had voluntarily made the property over to him, and that he entirely understood the nature of the transaction. This case had occupied the attention of the Court for several days. The addresses of counsel, which had been commenced on the previous day, were concluded.

His Honor dismissed the suit with costs.

Mr. Knox, on behalf of the defendant, stated that the son was perfectly willing to take his father back with him, and to look after him for the remainder of his life.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before the Registrar.)

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS.

Re Robert Charles Phillips. The report was read, and it was ordered that the certificate should be issued.

Re William John Arthur Pengelly. This was an adjourned certificate application. There was no appearance for the bankrupt, and the application was struck out.

MOTION TO VARY ORDER.

Re William Henry Hall. This was an adjourned motion to vary order, under section 61. The Registrar said that having informed the head of the department under which the bankrupt received his salary and no report having been made, he now made an order for £7 per month to be paid on the first of each month. The first payment to be made on Saturday, the 28th instant.

SINGLE MEETINGS AND PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

Re Albert Victor Windred. The bankrupt was not present, and on the application of the official assignee the meeting was adjourned to March 5.

Re Francis [illegible]. The bankrupt, who was present, was sworn and examined by the official assignee. Creditors did not wish to examine. No resolution was moved, and the meeting closed. The public examination was declared concluded.

Re David Morgans. Bankrupt was present, and was sworn and examined by the official assignee. The accounts were not filed. On the application of the official assignee the meeting was adjourned to March 12. The name of the bankrupt is Morgans, the register to be amended.

Re J. A. D. Sellon. Bankrupt was called outside three times, but failed to appear. On the application of the official assignee the meeting was adjourned sine die.

Re James Matthew. Bankrupt was present, sworn and examined by the official assignee and Mr. Brereton, solicitor for Francis Right, who had lodged a proof. Accounts incomplete to be amended forthwith. On the application of the official assignee the meeting was adjourned to March 12.

Re J. R. Lawson. Bankrupt was not present. On the application of the official assignee the meeting was adjourned till the 27th instant.

Re William John Rae. Bankrupt was present, sworn and examined by the official assignee. Creditors did not wish to examine. No resolution was moved, and the meeting closed. The public examination was declared concluded.

Re Frederick Newby. The bankrupt was not present. On the application of the official assignee the meeting was adjourned to March 5.

Re Arthur Welbourne Stephen. The bankrupt was not present. On the application of the official assignee the meeting was adjourned to March 5.

Re Joseph Corbett. Owing to the illness of the bankrupt the meeting was adjourned to March 19.

Re Edith Hannah Mary Kennedy. This was an adjourned single meeting from the 19th instant. Bankrupt was not present. On the application of the official assignee the meeting was adjourned to March 5.

Re Louis Vesper and William Stanton. This was an adjourned public examination from the 20th instant. Bankrupt William Stanton was present. Sworn and examined by the official assignee. The joint statement of affairs not filed. On the application of the official assignee the matter was adjourned till March 5.

EXAMINATION UNDER SECTION 30.

Re Roland Stahl. Joseph Stahl, father of the bankrupt, sworn and examined by the official assignee. Summons produced and filed, and the examination closed.

VOLUNTARY SEQUESTRATION.

Philip Reynolds, South Park, West Maitland, coalminer; official assignee, Mr. L. T. Lloyd.

ARBITRATION COURT.

(Before the President, Mr. Justice Cohen; and the Members, Messrs. S. Smith and W. D. Cruickshank.)

THE BUTCHERS' DISPUTE.

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION.

Mr. Gannon, instructed by Mr. S. J. Bull, appeared in support of the application by Ralph Walker, master butcher (part heard) for exemption from the common rule made on February 2 last, calling upon the Master Butchers and Live Stock Buyers' Association and the Butchers' Shop Employees' Union to show cause why the said Ralph Walker and numerous other master butchers should not be relieved from the obligations imposed by such order, award, or direction. Mr. G. H. Reid, K.C., instructed jointly by Messrs. Brown and Beeby and Messrs. M'Coy and M'Coy, appeared on behalf of the Master Butchers' Association and Shop Employees' Union, to oppose the application.

Robert Farrell, secretary of the Master Butchers' Association, in reply to Mr. Reid, said that circulars showing the dates of meetings of the association had been posted to every member of that body. Before the present agreement was come to there were differences between the masters and employees' unions. For three or four months conferences were held between representatives of the two unions, and an agreement was arrived at. The matters in dispute between the two unions were of common notoriety amongst the members of the trade. In October last the matter was before the Court for the settlement of issues. In addition to sending out circulars the members of the association were reminded of the meetings by advertisement in the morning press. The agreement that had been arrived at in the conference between the masters and employees' representatives was adopted by his association unanimously. He had received no complaint since that from any members of the association. The longer meat was kept in the cooling chamber the longer it would keep after being taken out.

To Mr. Gannon: He had been connected with butchering for about 18 or 19 years. The effect of the common rule would to an extent localise the trade. The butchers outside the association, with the exception of one or two, were what was known as "medium" and "small" men.

James John New, secretary of the Butchers' Shop Employees' Union, said the membership of his union was 620. The area covered by the union was to Parramatta on the Western line, to Hornsby on the North Shore line, to Penshurst on the Illawarra line, in addition to the city and suburbs. There might be about 200 non-union men in the area mentioned. The members of the union could not work up till 6 p.m. without violating the rules of the union, because the award giving the closing hour as 5 p.m. had been incorporated in the rules of the union. No application had been received by any member of the union to be allowed to work till 6 p.m.

William E. Ward, master butcher (Darlinghurst), said he was a member of the Master Butchers' Association. Substantially his business was a family trade. Taking the whole of the butchering trade, the "family trade" predominated. He thought the present arrangement for closing at 5 p.m. was a very good thing.

To Mr. Cruickshank: Witness said that the loss mentioned by Mr. Walker and others as being occasioned by the earlier closing hour would be righted as time went on and the public became used to the earlier closing time.

To the President: There was only a slight alteration needed to make the arrangements acceptable to all. On Saturday night there was always a rush, and they were unable to clean up before the time for the men to leave off. He thought if they were given the privilege which obtained under the Early Closing Act of being allowed half an hour to clean up after closing time there would be no need for further alteration.

The taking of evidence having been concluded, addresses by counsel were entered upon.

Mr. Reid, in his address, said that if the Court was going to put aside an agreement come to between the masters and men, and by which they were willing to be bound for three years, it would be a serious matter indeed. It would in the future act as a precedent, and would be the cause of no end of work for the Court. There would be a peculiar state of things if, one week after an agreement had been made between two industrial bodies, the Court would be open to application to vary or interfere with its own common rule. It was also a singular thing that most of the witnesses called in support of the application were members of the Master Butchers' Association, who were bound by the agreement. If such a thing were allowed to go on it might lead to serious difficulties in the future working of the Act. In the Early Closing Act, the principle of uniform closing was adopted. If the Court made a fixed hour of closing for the applicant it was reasonable to suppose that it would also accede to the request of the smaller butchers for different hours.

The President said that the Court could not alter an agreement unless it became an award of the Court. The present agreement was never made an award of the Court. A member of the union could not be exempted in his opinion.

Mr. Reid said that as a matter of common sense and equity, there were two objections to the present application. Firstly, it involved different hours for the closing of butchers' shops. It was well known that the largest and smallest drapers' shops in the city and suburbs had to close at the same time under the Early Closing Act, and that was the dominating principle of the legislature in attempting reform. The spirit of a common rule was that individual interests must be subordinated to the public good and the general well-being of industrial classes. No one ever heard of a system which had only worked for one week being tested as to how it will work or as to how it was working. Again, in his opinion, the fact that no proper time had been given to a fair trial of the system was another fatal objection to the success of the application. It would be found that the loss mentioned would soon adjust itself when the system had had a fair trial with a fluctuating business.

Mr. Gannon said that Mr. Walker came to the Court on a matter of absolute right. When the common rule was made Mr. Walker and a number of others were not represented. It was a conflict really between the morning and evening traders. He submitted that although some of the witnesses he had called were members of the association, they were also entitled to relief as well as the non-unionists.

The President: While a man remains a member of a union, section 14 of the Act seems to show that he cannot take any independent action. He is bound by the action of his union. That seemed to his Honor to be a common-sense view to take.

Mr. Gannon said that, at that rate, in order to obtain relief a man must leave his union, which would tend to defeat the objects of the Act.

His Honor said the decision of the Court would be reserved; and the Court then adjourned till the following day at 10 a.m.

COURT OF MARINE INQUIRY.

(Before Judge Backhouse and Captains M'Gibbon and Worrall, assessors.)

FOUNDERING OF THE TRIUMPH.

An inquiry was held yesterday at the Court of Marine Inquiry into the foundering of the ketch Triumph off Tacking Point on February 13. The Triumph was owned by Mr. Nicholas Cain, of Wauchope, Port Macquarie.

Mr. J. S. Cargill, of the Crown Law Department, appeared for the Superintendent of Navigation. He stated that the foundering took place about half a mile south of Tacking Point. The ketch, after loading timber in Camden Haven, left for Sydney in tow of the Unique on the morning of February 13. There was a heavy sea at the bar, and the Triumph struck heavily several times. The tug cast off and returned to Camden Haven. It was found that the Triumph was making water, and the pumps were set to work. The water gained six inches in 10 minutes, and the crew took to the boat. The pilot told them to stand by the ketch and wait for the arrival of a tug from Port Macquarie, for which he had signalled. The tug arrived about 3.30 p.m., and the crew boarded her. She towed the Triumph for about four hours, when the line parted. The Triumph was waterlogged, and getting broadside on heeled over and sank.

The finding of the Court was that the master of the Triumph was in default in not sounding his well immediately after the vessel struck. If that had been done it was possible that the ketch might have been saved, but not probable, as with water in her she was drawing more than when she came out of Camden Haven, and then she only just managed to cross. The Court was of opinion that considering the draught of the vessel and that a heavy sea was running it was unwise to cross the bar at all, but as the pilot concurred in that course the Court did not blame the master.

LAND APPEAL COURT.

(Before the President, Mr. Alexander Oliver, and Commissioners Brandis and Houston.)

Mr. Hanbury Davies appeared for the Minister for Lands.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The Minister submitted a reference for the return of the case of John Armstrong's application for appraisement of the capital value of his C.P.s. Nos. 19-103, 87-10, and 89-3, and C.L. No. 13019, Lithgow, to the local board. Mr. Armstrong appeared in person. Armstrong, it appeared, had on December 30, 1901, lodged an application for appraisement. On February 25, 1902, the board refused to proceed with the application, it having been made too late. The Minister referred the case to the Court with the view to the granting of the application. The reference was sustained, and the board directed to proceed with appraisement.

The Minister submitted a reference for determination of the capital value of James J. M'Loughlin's settlement lease No. 895, Scone. This was a lease of 2600 acres originally valued at 13s 4d per acre, and now appraised at 11s 8d per acre. The Minister considered the appraisement too low. The reference was sustained, and the value of the land fixed at 13s 4d per acre.

William Kruse appealed against the appraised capital value of his H.S. No. 97-29, Gunnedah. The area was 500 acres, originally valued at £2 per acre, and now appraised at the same figure. Decision was reserved.

James Baxter appealed against the decision of the Penrith board in respect of his application for appraisement of the capital value of his C.P. No. 88-19, Penrith. This was an area of 494 acres, and the board had refused to appraise on the ground that applicant was not the holder of the land at date of commencement of the Act of 1899. Mr. Davies waived an objection that the appeal was too late. The appeal was sustained, and the board directed to proceed with the appraisement. Deposit refunded.

The Minister submitted a reference for determination of the value of crown improvements on William B. Thompson's S.L. No. 1900-1, Moree. The case was ordered to be returned to the board to take such evidence as might be tendered as to the ownership and value of 105 yards of troughing referred to in their finding, and remit same to the Court.

The Condobolin board submitted a reference for direction in respect of W. H. Childe Hughes's application for appraisement of the annual rent of his C.L.21,634, Condobolin. This was a question as to whether the board could allow the application to be withdrawn. The Court ruled that under the circumstances the respondent (Hughes) ought not to be allowed to withdraw his application.

The Minister submitted a reference for the return to the Maitland board for rehearing of the case of Seth Wilkinson's A.C.P. No. 01-6, with the view to the confirmation of the correct area. The case was ordered to be returned to the board for the confirmation of the correct area.

In the appeal of P. Smyth against the decision of the Kempsey Board in respect of his application for appraisement of the capital value of his C.P.'s Nos. 69-127 and 69-128, Kempsey, Mr. Whitfeld appeared for appellant. It appeared that on December 19, 1901, Smyth applied for appraisement of the subject land, which consisted of 255 acres of C.P. land. On November 17, 1902, the board declined to appraise, following the Court's ruling. Applicant purchased the holding on March 1, 1899, by virtue of an agreement in writing, but the transfer was not completed until August 23, 1901, and the balance of the purchase money (the last instalment) was paid by the appellant on or about September 23, 1901. Appellant claimed to have resided on the land from June 1899 up to the present time. There were several grounds of appeal, viz., that appellant at the date of the passing of the C.L. Amendment Act of 1899 and also at the date of the application was the bona fide owner of the land; that the transfer to appellant was not completed or lodged till long after the actual purchase by him owing to the balance of the purchase money not having been paid and to one of the parties being a resident of Western Australia, and that the board should as a matter of right have proceeded with the appraisement. The appeal was sustained and the board directed to proceed with the appraisement as if it had been made under the Appraisement Act of 1902.

The appeals and references standing in the following names were postponed to the Dubbo Court:—Dubbo Board re Commercial Bank, A.C.P. No. 1902-70, C.L. No. 1902-70, A.C.P. No. 1902-71, and C.L. No. 1902-80; L. H. Matthews's A.C.P. No. 1902-66, Amos H. Parsons's H.S. No. 1902-1, K. L. Kendall's claim to ownership of fencing on A.C.P. No. 1902-19, and C.L. No. 1902-15, Warren.

The appeal of W. D. Smith was, on the application of Mr. R. D. Meagher, postponed to March 17. The appeals and references in connection with the following cases were withdrawn and were accordingly ordered to be struck out:—J. O'Brien's C.P. No. 88-67 and C.L. No. 10,478, Parkes; L. O'Brien's C.P. No. 87-72 and C.L. No. 7981, Parkes; T. Carr's S.L. No. 1046, Narrabri.

The Minister submitted a reference for the return to the Scone Board of the case of Samuel Ashford's C.P. No. 1900-14, and C.Ls. Nos. 29,666 and 29,680, Scone. The reference was sustained, and the board directed to rehear and disallow the application, but the Court pointed out that applicant might make a fresh application under the Appraisement Act of 1902, as his first application had not been legally dealt with.

The Minister submitted a reference for the return to the Scone Board of William Bakewell's C.P. No. 74-1668, Scone. The board was directed to rehear and disallow the application so far as it applied to C.P. 74-1668, of which applicant was not the holder.

The Minister submitted a reference for return to the Armidale Board of William H. Carter's application to enclose the road forming the south-western boundary of his C.L. No. 29,757, Armidale, and portion 102, parish Roumalla, county Hardinge. The Court sustained the reference, following the rulings in Jamieson v. Johnstone and Mooney v. New Zealand Land Association, Limited, and the board was directed to rehear and rescind permission to enclose the subject land.

The Minister for Works submitted a reference for return to the Balranald Board, with the view to the revision of their finding in respect of George Turnbull's application under the Water Rights Act of 1896 for a license for a dam in Little Merran Creek, parish Toolmar, county Wakool. Mr. P. L. V. Coffey appeared for the Minister for Works. The case was ordered to be remitted to the board for rehearing, the evidence already taken to be evidence in the case.

Mr. Commissioner Brandis having retired from the bench, a reference by the Tamworth Board for a statement of a case for decision of the Supreme Court, in respect of C. Brandis's non-residential C.P. application No. 1902-8, Gunnedah, was heard. Mr. Pike appeared for respondent, and waived the objection that his client had not received notice to state a case within the prescribed time. The statement of the case, after slight amendments had been made, was settled.

THE MERCADOOL CASES.

The President announced that the delivery of the Court's decision in the matter of costs in connection with the Mercadool cases would be made on Thursday next, March 5.

The Court adjourned to next Thursday.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Simpson and juries.)

Mr. Hugh Pollock (Solicitor-General) was the Crown prosecutor.

THE PARK-STREET TRAGEDY.

John Carrol Coyne who had been convicted of the manslaughter of Thomas Moss in a Park-street restaurant, on December 23 last, was before the Court. The defence in this case had been that prisoner was subject to epileptic fits, and that it was in one of the fits that he attacked his friend Moss with a knife, and so injured him that he died. His Honor had remanded the prisoner for medical observation.

Dr. Taylor gave evidence that he had kept the prisoner under observation since December 24 last almost continuously. He did not find any epileptic tendencies in the prisoner and he was perfectly sane. He agreed with the evidence given by Dr. C. H. Harris that an epileptic subject might kill his best friend unconsciously. Prisoner was further remanded for observation and in order that his Honor might consider all the medical testimony that had been given.

ACQUITTALS.

Nellie Orford pleaded not guilty to a charge of having, on December 24 last, at Sydney, broken and entered the dwelling house of Charles Bamford and stolen therein a watch, four brooches, two skirts, one quilt, one cruetstand, and other articles. There was a second count of stealing in a dwelling. Prisoner was undefended. The jury acquitted the prisoner and she was discharged.

ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO DROWN.

AN ACQUITTAL.

Thomas Smith pleaded not guilty to a charge of having on December 5 last, at Sydney, attempted to drown May Haymarsh, with intent to murder her. Prisoner was undefended.

The Crown case was that prisoner had met Haymarsh in Bathurst-street on the evening of December 5, and induced her to go to Jones Wharf, Darling Harbour. Prisoner had previously lived with the woman. After some time a quarrel occurred between the two, prisoner charging the woman with now living with a blackfellow. He induced her to accompany him along the wharf to see a launch which he said was there. There was no launch there. Prisoner, after the two had passed over a coalheap, tried to throw the woman into the water. Haymarsh screamed for help, and three men came to her assistance. They took the woman from the prisoner, and he ran away and jumped into the water. Patrick Coughlan jumped in and rescued him. R. A. Herbert and G. Gibson also assisted in the rescue of the woman from the prisoner and the prisoner himself from the water. Senior-constable Whalan arrested the prisoner, who admitted trying to drown the woman, and said that he jumped into the water to end his own troubles.

Prisoner gave evidence on his own behalf, and while in the witness-box showed that he was physically afflicted. His hands and face twitched convulsively, and he kept on twisting his hands in and out of the belt which he wore round his waist. He was clad in the clothes which he wore at the time of the arrest. He explained that he was suffering from St. Vitus' Dance, as the result of partial paralysis, and he apologised for his incoherencies of speech on that account. He gave a lengthy account of the proceedings on the night of December 5, and denied the story told by the woman, the police, and other witnesses in certain particulars. He said that he was trying to get the woman to the wharf gate when she screamed "Murder."

The jury, after a brief retirement, acquitted the prisoner, and he was discharged.

THE BALMAIN SHOOTING CASE.

MALICIOUSLY WOUNDING.

George Edwin Ellis, a young man, was arraigned on a charge of having on November 23, at Balmain, maliciously wounded Annie Furber with intent to murder her; also on a second count of maliciously wounding Annie Furber with intent thereby to do her grievous bodily harm. The prisoner pleaded not guilty to the first count and guilty to the second. The plea was accepted by the Crown. Mr. Boyce, instructed by Mr. E. R. Abigail, appeared on behalf of the prisoner, and called evidence.

The Rev. J. Dixon said that he had known prisoner for about 16 years. Prisoner's father died in April last and on the night he died prisoner got under the influence of drink. Ellis was very violent at that time and eccentric in various ways, threatening members of his own family. The father's death upset the prisoner and he was frequently drunk after that event.

Dr. Shirlow said that prisoner appeared to him at times to have lost his mental balance and become irresponsible for his actions. Senior-Constable Duncan also gave evidence.

Mr. Boyce urged that the prisoner was morally not responsible, as his mind had become greatly unsettled. Prisoner had been courting Miss Furber for two years, but the engagement was broken off. While Miss Furber was going home from church one night with a friend prisoner met her and pulling out a revolver fired at her. The explosion burned the girl's cheek, and the bullet tore away a portion of her ear. The girl was otherwise uninjured, and was now quite well. He urged a merciful consideration of the case on the part of his Honor. Some of prisoner's nearest relations desired that he should be confined until he overcame the temptation to drink.

Ellis interposed that he wanted a sentence straight out as he would not touch drink again.

Prisoner was remanded for sentence.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before Judge Rogers and juries.)

Mr. Herbert Harris, Crown Prosecutor.

ASSAULT AND ROBBERY.

Joseph Hayes and Charles Donohoe pleaded not guilty to a charge of having on January 21, at Sydney, assaulted John Carver and robbed him of a watchchain. There was a second count of stealing. Mr. Frawley appeared for the defence. The Crown case was that while Carver was near the corner of Moore and Pitt streets, Sydney, about 1 a.m. on January 21, Hayes came up to him suddenly from behind, and put his hands over his eyes and wrenched his head back. At the same time Donohoe snatched the watch-chain and made off. The chain broke, and Donohoe got away with it. Carver called out, and a watchman pursued Donohoe, while Hayes stayed near Carver endeavouring to "bluff" it out. A constable also pursued Donohoe, and he was caught. For the defence the accused denied the charge, Donohoe alleging that he ran because he saw a "push" coming towards him. The jury convicted the prisoners. Hayes was sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for two years, and Donohoe for 18 months.

ALLEGED BREAKING AND ENTERING.

Winter Amy, Martha Amy, and Andrew Strachan pleaded not guilty to a charge of having, on December 28 last at Annandale, broken and entered the warehouse of R. N. Davies and another and stolen 610lb. of fanlight fittings, 150lb. of meter parts, 276lb. of tin, 8½cwt. of copper deposit, 100lb. of ball joints, 100 yards of copper wire, 100 yards of brass wire, 256lb. of brass, and 100lb. of gun metal. There was a second count of receiving. Mr. J. C. Gannon, instructed by Mr. F. H. Sullivan, appeared for the two Amys. Strachan was undefended.

The Crown case was that Strachan had taken the goods, which had been stolen from a warehouse, to the residence of the Amys, and that they had received and stored them, well knowing them to be stolen property. The goods were found, some behind a piano and some under a table. A quantity of boots were also found in the female accused's room.

The defence by Strachan was that he had bought the goods from two men whom he would not be able to identify if he saw again, and that he had no part in the breaking and entering or the theft. Winter and Martha Amy, who were given good characters, gave evidence denying all knowledge that the goods were stolen. The jury retired about 6 p.m.

At 8 p.m. the jury returned into court and announced that they had agreed upon a verdict in regard to Strachan, whom they found guilty on the second count. In answer to a written query handed to his Honor the jury were informed by his Honor that they could acquit one or more of the prisoners. The jury again retired to consider the case of the other accused. Strachan, who had been convicted of receiving stolen property last year and sentenced to pay £100 compensation to Elliott Brothers, was sentenced to penal servitude for five years.

After a further half-hour's consideration the jury again returned into court to ask more questions. At 9 p.m. they found Winter Amy not guilty on both counts. In the case of Martha Amy the foreman of the jury said:—"We have very grave doubts as to the innocence of the woman, and we have exercised our privilege, after deep consideration, and given her the benefit of the doubt. We find her not guilty."

His Honor expressed his concurrence with the verdict, as he considered it the safest plan.

The Court adjourned to the following day.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—Friday, February 27.

Term List.—Crown case: Rex v. Maddox. Special case: Attorney General v. Collector of Customs for State of New South Wales (part heard). District Court appeal: Municipal Council of Sydney v. Sydney and Suburban Hydraulic Power Company.

Before the Prothonotary.—Abotomey v. Brady, 2.30.

Chamber List.—In No. 1 Jury Court, at 9.30 a.m.—Hill and others v. Willis, for commission (part heard); Calvert v. Duff and another, Mundy claimant, interpleader; Paskes v. Heffernan, Cameron garnishee; Ashley v. Allsopp and others, for inspection; Campbell v. Kenny, for order for costs; Craig and another v. Etherington, Lawson, Caro, and Co., Limited, garnishees; Browne, Joske and Co., Limited, v. same; M'Murtrie and Co., Limited, v. Smith, the Colonial Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Limited, garnishees.

In Equity.—Before his Honor the Chief Judge in Equity.—At 10 a.m.: Motions generally—Griffin v. Carter, originating summons; Pastoral Finance Association v. Bell, motion to continue injunction; Glasson v. Glasson, originating summons; Minister for Works and claim of H. A. G. Jobbins, petition for payment out; Minister for Public Works and claim of W. M. Vindin and others, petition for payment out; Griffiths Brothers Proprietary, Limited, v. Stephens, motion for decree on admissions; Cripps v. Thomas, further consideration; M. Garvey, deceased, and Trustee Act, motion for appointment of trustee; Perpetual Trustee Company v. Connolly, originating summons; Adams v. Ryan, motion for injunction; Minister for Public Works and claim of M. A. Campbell, petition for payment out.

Master's Office.—At 10 a.m.: Company and lunacy matters. At 12 noon: Cook v. Cook, to settle minutes of decree. At 12.30 p.m.: Re Thomas Pearson and Trustee Act, to settle order. At 2 p.m.: Conolly v. Conolly, to settle draft report. Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: Cripps v. Thomas, to tax costs. At 2 p.m.: Perpetual Trustee Company v. a'Beckett, to settle minutes of order. At 2.30 p.m.: Regan v. Bull, to settle minutes of order.

Probate Jurisdiction.—Before the Probate Judge.—At 10.30: Motions for probate and administration, motions to pass accounts and for commissions, motions to sell real estate, miscellaneous motions. Before the Deputy Registrar.—To pass accounts: Henry Kellett, 10.30; James Wilson, 11; Jeremiah O'Keefe, 11.45.

Before the Registrar in Bankruptcy.—At 11 a.m., creditors' petitions: Robert Reid and Co. v. Raymond J. Walsh, Robert Little and Co. v. Lewis Dare, trading as Clarence River Co-operative Produce Co. Public examination: David Chenhall (15,542). Examinations under section 30: David Morgan, Sydney Edward Gregory and David James Nazman, Nicholas Lohan. Single meeting: J. P. Lowen.

COURT OF ARBITRATION.—Friday, February 27. No. 4 Court, Supreme Courthouse, King-street, Sydney. (Before the President and Members.)

At 10 a.m.: In the matter of the award in the Illawarra Collieries dispute, and in the matter of the reference to the Court for directions by the accountant appointed under the said award, to be mentioned.

Application under Section 38 (for judgment): In the matter of an order of the Court made in references No. 44 of date the second day of February, 1903, and in the matter of the application of Ralph Walker, master butcher and live stock buyer, calling upon the Master Butchers and Live Stock Buyers' Association, and upon the Butchers' Shop Employees' Union, to show cause why the said Ralph Walker and numerous other master butchers should not be relieved from the obligations imposed by such order, award, or direction.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.—Friday, February 27. Edward Hill, offence; Henry Murray, inflicting grievous bodily harm; Henry Smith, maliciously wounding.

SYDNEY QUARTER SESSIONS.—Friday, February 27. John Howson and William Edward Warby, inflicting grievous bodily harm: William Charles Evans Morgan, robbery under arms.

COURT OF MARINE INQUIRY.—Friday, February 27. Before his Honor Judge Backhouse and Assessors.—At 11.30 a.m.: Re the Eurimbla and Wakatipu, for judgment.

DISTRICT COURT.—Friday, February 27. Before the Registrar in No. 2 Court.—At 10.30 a.m.: Hacking v. Cooke.

POLICE COURTS.

Theft of Boots.—At the Glebe Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Payten, S.M., Joseph Williams, aged 36, was charged with having stolen a pair of boots of the value of 15s, the property of S. W. Battey, at the Glebe, on February 25. The accused was fined £3, in default imprisonment for one month.

Fraudulent Appropriation.—At the Glebe Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Payten, S.M., Philip Goodner, aged 18, was charged with having fraudulently appropriated to his own use the sum of £1 8s, the property of Phillip Albert Whitehead, on February 21. The accused was fined £2 10s, with 5s 10d costs, in default imprisonment for 21 days.

Committed for Trial.—At the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. E. H. Wilshire, S.M., Frederick Tetro, 25, steward, was committed for trial to the Quarter Sessions to be held on March 26 on a charge of having stolen in the dwelling-house of Harris Chancellor, Empire Hotel, Hunter-street, the sum of £15 9s 6d and three cheques for £15 10s 6d on February 19. At the same Court James Thynne, 25, labourer, and James Londrigan, 23, clerk, were also committed for trial on a charge of having, in company, assaulted William M'Kibbin, and robbed him of about £2 17s 6d and one key.

Committed for Trial.—At the North Sydney Police Court yesterday, before Mr. G. H. Smithers, S.M., Thomas Darlington, 37, a sailor, appeared to answer a charge that he did in company with another on February 17 at about 1 a.m. break and enter the dwelling-house of Charles M'Clure at Warrawee, and steal therein nine bottles of beer, of the value of 9s 6d, the property of the said Charles M'Clure. Accused was committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions to be held on March 26 next. Bail was allowed. On a charge of stealing at Warrawee between February 1 and 12 three razors, six handkerchiefs, one watch pocket, and a chronometer case, of the value of 30s, the property of Charles M'Clure, accused was sentenced to seven days' imprisonment, with hard labour.

Committed for Trial.—At the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. C. N. Payten, S.M., Herbert Blair, 18, a labourer, appeared to answer a charge of having on January 10, inflicted grievous bodily harm on Emily Rossiter, licensee of the Club House Hotel, Abercrombie-street, Sydney. Accused, who reserved his defence, was committed for trial at the next Court of Quarter Sessions. Bail was allowed.

Assaulting a Constable.—At the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Donaldson, S.M., Andrew Weir, 29, a labourer, appeared to answer a charge of assaulting Constable Crome Barnes whilst in the execution of his duty on February 25. Accused was sentenced to one month's imprisonment, with hard labour.

Stealing a Tarpaulin.—At the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Donaldson, S.M., James Wilson, 56, a labourer, was charged with stealing a tarpaulin, of the value of £2, the property of Chubb's Australian Company, Limited, on February 19. Accused pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to one month's imprisonment.

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES' ASSOCIATION.

The board of directors of the A.N.A. held their quarterly meeting on Tuesday. The vice-president, Bro. M. A. Martin (in the absence of the president), occupied the chair. The board decided, on the motion of the vice-president, to place before the annual session the questions of—(a) Water conservation, (b) technical education, (c) forest conservation, and (d) local government, with a view of having them dealt with by legislation. A communication was received from Mrs. R. Farrell relative to the forming of an Australian Native Women's Association, and it was decided to support the movement. A large amount of correspondence relative to the formation of new branches was dealt with. Bros. Coates and Terry and the general secretary presented a report of informal conferences on inter-state questions held with South Australian and Victorian boards, and it was decided to seek the co-operation of the Victorian board in propaganda work. The date of opening the annual session was fixed for Easter Tuesday, April 14, and the president, vice-president, and the general secretary were appointed to prepare the annual report for submission to the board.

WAKATIPU-EURIMBLA COLLISION.

MARINE COURT INQUIRY.

THE EVIDENCE CONCLUDED.

The inquiry into the collision that occurred between the Wakatipu and the Eurimbla off Bradley's Head early in the morning of February 15 was opened at the Court of Marine Inquiry yesterday before Judge Backhouse and Captains Simpson and Witherspoon, assessors.

When the collision occurred the Eurimbla, which is owned by the A.U.S.N. Company, but was under charter to the Adelaide Steamship Company, was proceeding to sea en route to Melbourne. The Wakatipu, which is owned by the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand, was inward bound from Launceston. She was so badly damaged by the collision that she had to be beached in Neutral Bay. The Eurimbla was also injured, and returned to the wharf.

Mr. J. S. Cargill, of the Crown Law Department, appeared for the Superintendent of Navigation; Mr. W. Lindsay Thompson for the master and officers of the Eurimbla; Mr. Broomfield (instructed by Mr. J. Baxter Bruce), for the owners of the Eurimbla; Mr. Ralston (instructed by Mr. P. W. Creagh) for the owners, masters, and officers of the Wakatipu; Mr. P. C. Williams for the owners and underwriters of the cargo of the Wakatipu.

CAPTAIN OF EURIMBLA EXAMINED.

Henry Tebbutt Middleton said he was a master mariner and was in charge of the Eurimbla when the collision occurred. He was on the bridge. The Eurimbla left the wharf about 10 minutes past midnight of February 14. He passed quite close to Garden Island, with Shark Island light half a point on the port bow. He saw the green light of an incoming steamer, and he slightly ported his helm. She was at right angles to his bow. It was a bright moonlight night, and there was no other vessel in the vicinity. He waited for some indication that the other boat would port her bow, but she held on her course. He then blew two blasts of the whistle and starboarded his helm. He continued his course for some time. The incoming boat ported her helm and blew her whistle. When he saw a collision was probable he went full speed astern. It was from 2½ to 3 cables off Bradley's Head where the collision occurred. He did not think the collision could have been averted if he had not starboarded his helm. He intended going out of the eastern channel.

By his Honor: Was that your usual channel?

Witness: No; but he had heard quite recently that the eastern channel was the one that should be used.

Cross-examined by Mr. Ralston: The Eurimbla arrived at the wharf from Brisbane at noon. She had been advertised to leave at 5 p.m., but did not leave until after midnight. Shark Island light was about half a point on his port bow when he first saw the Wakatipu. He passed Garden Island very close under the bow of the Glacier. He had been three or four weeks on the Eurimbla as master, but he had been chief officer for several years. He had made two trips inside Sydney Harbour and one out as master of the Eurimbla. He was going about seven or eight knots. The Wakatipu was going about eight or nine knots when she crossed his bow. The Wakatipu lights were all right.

EURIMBLA OFFICERS' EVIDENCE.

Robert Sharland, mate of the Eurimbla, said he was on the lookout on the forecastle on the night of the collision. After passing Garden Island the Shark Island light was about one point or half a point on the port bow. He saw the green light of a vessel to starboard. He heard the Eurimbla blow two blasts. The other boat then ported her helm. He was never more surprised than when he saw the helm ported. He knew then a collision was inevitable.

Cross-examined by Mr. Ralston: He did not know which channel the master was going out, but he understood it was the eastern. He saw the incoming ship plainly. It was a bright night. He did not know how far she was from Bradley's Head when he saw her, but he thought she was about a mile from the Eurimbla.

Henry Tyrrell, said he was the second officer of the Eurimbla, and held a master's certificate. He was on the lower bridge on the night of the collision. He saw the green and white light of an incoming ship. He could see all her port lights. She was about a point on their bow. She was right ahead when the Eurimbla starboarded her helm. The vessels would have cleared one another on that course, but the other ship ported her helm.

Alexander Brend, third officer of the Eurimbla, said he was on the bridge with the captain when the collision occurred. Shark Island light was on the port bow. He saw a steamer's lights approaching. The Eurimbla ported slightly when they saw the lights. When the vessels were about three cables off the Eurimbla's helm was put to starboard. He had a large experience of narrow Queensland rivers and was a good judge of distances. He thought that if the Eurimbla had not starboarded and both vessels had kept on their course there would have been serious danger of a collision. The Wakatipu was about a mile away when they saw her, but he did not know how far she was off Bradley's Head. It was probably about half a mile.

John Walter Langworthy, chief engineer of the Eurimbla, said he was on deck on the night of the collision. He saw a steamer approaching, and went down to the engine-room. Shortly after there was an order to go full speed astern.

James Middleton said he was third engineer on the Eurimbla. He got the order to go astern at 12.27 a.m., according to the engine-room logbook. The logbook had been written up since the collision. Before receiving that order the engines had been stopped for a minute.

CORROBORATION BY THE CREW.

Thomas Gall, able seaman, said he was steering the Eurimbla on the night of the collision. He was steering for Shark Island light. It was half a point on the port bow. He received an order to port a little, and the ship continued on that course for a time. After he had steadied the helm he saw a steamer approaching. He could see her starboard light and her masthead light. The captain blew two blasts and ordered him to starboard the helm.

James Alford, donkeyman on board the Eurimbla, said he was in his bunk on the starboard side when he heard two blasts from the Eurimbla. He looked out of the porthole and saw a steamer on the starboard bow showing a green light. She was about a quarter of a mile away and he then came on deck.

James Kelly, boatswain on the Eurimbla, said he was working forward when he noticed the Wakatipu. She ported her helm just before the collision.

J. Smith and John Forsyth, able seamen on board the Eurimbla, gave corroborative evidence.

Mr. Thompson said he had no further witnesses to call.

MASTER OF THE WAKATIPU IN THE BOX.

Malcolm Livingstone, master of the Wakatipu, said he had held a master's certificate for the last 13 years. He had been 15 months master of the Wakatipu. During that time he had been coming in and out of Sydney Harbour. He entered the Heads about 12.25 a.m. on February 15. He came in on the western channel. He was steering to pass Bradley's Head, about two cables' lengths off. He saw the lights of the Eurimbla when he was about a quarter of a mile from Bradley's. He ported his helm, sounded one blast of the whistle, and stopped his engines. He was watching the Eurimbla's bearings, and put his helm hard aport. At the time he gave the order to port and sounded his whistle he had steering way on. His whistle was responded to by two blasts from the Eurimbla. He then saw her green and red lights for a second. He sang out to those forward to look out, as he expected the Eurimbla would collide with them. He then gave the order hard-a-starboard, but the vessel had not time to answer her helm when the collision occurred. He was a ship's length off Bradley's when his vessel was hit. He had never been so close in before. He thought the Eurimbla would have cleared Bradley's by a cable length if she had kept her course. The Eurimbla would certainly have cleared the Wakatipu if she had kept her course. He could not have averted the collision by going astern.

His Honor: It is admitted that both captains did everything that could be done after the collision. There is no necessity to give evidence on that point.

Witness was cross-examined by Mr. Thompson. He did not port his helm until after he saw the Eurimbla's red light. He was then about a quarter of a mile to the nor'-east of Bradley's Head. He was about one and a half cable from Bradley's when he ported the second time. He was inside the Eurimbla when the collision occurred. When he saw the Eurimbla first she had ample time to go down the channel on her own side.

THE CHIEF OFFICER'S EVIDENCE.

Samuel Nicholson, chief officer of the Wakatipu, said he held a master's certificate. He came on deck on the night of the collision when the Wakatipu was abreast of the Sow and Pigs. He kept a look out from the bows up to the time of the collision. The vessel came up the western channel. He saw the Eurimbla approaching. The Wakatipu blew one blast, and he saw the Eurimbla's red light and masthead light on the starboard bow. The Wakatipu was coming round on the port helm and bringing the Eurimbla's red light on their port bow. He saw the Eurimbla was coming very close to them, and closing them in all the time. He called out to the captain. The Wakatipu gave a second blast, and the Eurimbla answered with two short blasts. He told the men to sing out to the firemen, who were asleep in the forecastle, as he saw there was going to be a collision. The engines were stopped when the first blast of the Wakatipu was given. She was one and a half cable off Bradley's Head when the collision occurred.

Cross-examined by Mr. Thompson: They were not heading up Double Bay after passing the Sow and Pigs. They were in the mid-western channel.

His Honor to witness: Don't treat Mr. Thompson with contempt. He is a nautical man as well as a lawyer.

The cross-examination of witness was continued. He said they were about one and a half cable off Bradley's Head when the collision occurred. The Wakatipu was then heading up the harbour.

Mr. Thompson: What were the bearings of Bradley's Head?

Witness: If you are a nautical man you ought to know they don't carry a compass in the ship's bows. (Laughter.)

CORROBORATIVE EVIDENCE.

William Joseph White, second officer of the Wakatipu, said he held a first mate's certificate. He was on the bridge on the night of the collision. They passed a small steamer when they were abreast of the Sow and Pigs. They were in the western channel, heading for Bradley's Head. They were about a quarter of a mile off when they made out the Eurimbla's masthead and red lights. They were bearing about a point or so on the starboard bow. The captain gave one blast of the whistle and gave the order to port the helm. He said to the captain, "That vessel is not altering her bearings." The Wakatipu whistled again, and the Eurimbla answered with two blasts. The captain gave the order hard a-starboard just before the collision occurred. The man at the wheel had only time to get the wheel round when the vessels struck. The collision occurred about a ship's length from the flagstaff on Bradley's Head.

Cross-examined by Mr. Thompson: He was watching the Eurimbla pretty closely. It was a bright night. He did not know whether Bradley's Head was in the shadow. The collision took place right abreast of the flagstaff, about half a ship's length from the shore. The engines were stopped when they saw the Eurimbla. The Wakatipu would run about a quarter of a mile after her engines were stopped. If her helm were put hard a port it would lessen her way.

Re-examined by Mr. Ralston: The helm was not starboarded until a second or so before the collision.

Oscar Isackson said he was boatswain on the Wakatipu. He was steering the ship on the night of the collision. They came in on the western channel. After passing the Sow and Pigs he was told to port his helm. The next order was hard a-port. It was given a little more than a minute after. He saw the lights of the Eurimbla. Right up to the time of the collision the Wakatipu was coming round in answer to her helm. Just before the collision he got an order to put the helm hard a-starboard. The vessel had not time to answer her helm before the collision occurred. It took place a ship's length from Bradley's Head.

His Honor: "It is no use calling all the men on the ship. If we don't believe two or three we won't believe a thousand."

Robert M'Crae Slimon, chief engineer of the Wakatipu, said that after getting past the Sow and Pigs he got an order to stand-by. This was at 12.33 a.m., and at 12.37 he got an order to stop. They had been going about ten knots.

Robert Menzies, able seaman on board the Wakatipu, also gave evidence.

Nestor Olsen, Water Police constable, said about 12 o'clock on February 14 he went down to Clark Island in a police launch. After reaching the island he saw two steamers approaching one another. One was entering the harbour and the other going out. He saw the inward-bound vessel was on her port helm. He could see the red light and the mast-head light. He thought the collision occurred about 50 to 100 yards from Bradley's Head.

Cross-examined by Mr. Thompson: The distance from Clark Island to Bradley's Head was about half a mile. He heard two separate blasts and two short blasts. He went over to the collision in the launch.

Cross-examined by Mr. Broomfield: The Wakatipu was between him and Bradley's Head when the collision occurred.

John Alfred Miller said he was a passenger on the Wakatipu on the night of the collision. He was on deck and saw a vessel about 60 yards away approaching them. The Wakatipu had just rounded Bradley's and was about 60 yards off.

Thomas Sharp and John Sampson Barnes, passengers on board the Wakatipu, gave evidence regarding the distance from Bradley's Head that the collision took place.

Mr. Ralston said he had four other passengers to call if the Court thought it necessary.

His Honor said it would not be necessary unless they had new evidence to give. He would take a note of the fact that four other witnesses were there to give evidence as to the distance from Bradley's Head that the collision occurred.

Edgar Cambridge said that he was fishing in a boat with a party of three other lads in Taylor Bay on the night of the collision. He saw the Wakatipu pass them. They were pulling over to Clark Island. He saw the collision. It occurred about 120 yards off Bradley's Head.

Cecil Johns, another member of the fishing party with the previous witness, gave corroborative evidence.

This concluded the evidence, and counsel then addressed the Court.

His Honor stated that the Court would deliver its verdict at 11.30 a.m. to-day.

AN ALLEGED FORTUNE.

THE FORBES CLAIMANT.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

William Hamilton Newton, alias William R. Rand, 65, a labourer, was charged before Mr. Donaldson, S.M., at the Central Police Court yesterday that he did on February 10 and 17, 1903, obtain from John Garibaldi Newton the sum of £14 by means of a false pretence with intent to defraud.

Senior-Constable Hawe stated that on the 23rd instant the accused was given into his custody at Wagga, and the following day witness charged him at the Central Police Station, when the accused said that he received the money, but not by fraud.

John Garibaldi Newton, a plumber, residing at Brisbane, Queensland, deposed that he saw a notice in a Brisbane newspaper, in consequence of which he wrote to William Newton, c.o. "The Forbes Times" newspaper, and got in reply the letter produced. He replied to that letter, and got another in reply to his communication containing a request for money. Witness then came to Sydney and met the accused, who said that he wrote the letters produced. He informed the witness that his name was William Hamilton Newton, and that he was to receive a million of money. Accused intimated that witness was his sole relative in Australia—his cousin—and that accused would receive shortly a draft for £100,000, which was on its way out from home. Accused said he would only borrow from a relative, and asked witness to lend him what money he could spare. Witness saw the accused the following day, and gave him £4 on the strength of what accused had told him. When witness returned to Brisbane he wired accused on the 17th instant £10, and got a receipt for it. From inquiries witness made subsequently he ascertained that accused was no relative of his. The money was given to the accused because at the time he said he was related, and because witness had been told by his father 20 years ago that he had a cousin named William Henry Newton in Australia, and accused stated that he was that person.

Roland George M'Manus, assistant postmaster at the Haymarket, identified the accused as the person who received £10 at the Haymarket office under the name of William Hamilton Newton, which was wired from Brisbane.

George Smith, residing at Gippsland, Victoria, deposed that the letters mentioned and produced were in his handwriting, and were written at the dictation of the accused. He went with the accused to the Haymarket Post-office, and saw him receive £10.

Louis Fox, a tutor, living at Watson's Bay, said that he had seen the accused at Watson's Bay with the family of the late Captain Cork. Witness heard him addressed as uncle by the daughters of the late Captain Cork. He had also seen letters written by the accused signed "Robert Cork." Accused was at Watson's Bay for about a month.

William Hamilton Newton, the accused, deposed that he was a labourer, residing at Forbes. He acknowledged receiving the money, but had not asked for it, but it was given to him freely by the prosecutor. He did not tell prosecutor he was his godfather. The photograph shown to him (registered in Victoria Photo. Book 16, No. 27,018) was a photograph of himself.

Accused was committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions, to be held at Darlinghurst on March 26 next.

INQUEST.

TRAM FATALITY.

The City Coroner (Mr. J. C. Woore) held an inquest yesterday respecting the death of a domestic servant named Matilda O'Toole, 24, lately residing in Cooper-street, Double Bay. It was stated that on Tuesday night deceased was a passenger by a cable tram which left Ocean-street at 8.14. While the tram was in William-street deceased was seen to fall off the rear car, her head striking the roadway heavily. She was taken to Sydney Hospital, and was found to have sustained severe laceration to the head. She never rallied, and died on Wednesday afternoon, the cause of death being injury to the brain. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

SOUTHERN SUBURBS REQUIREMENTS.

A deputation, representing the municipal councils and residents of Waterloo, Alexandria, North Botany, and Botany, was introduced to the Railway Commissioners yesterday morning by Mr. Anderson, M.L.A., to ask that Raglan-street, on the Zetland tramway route, might be made a stopping place. It was stated that this would be a great convenience to many residents of the district. The Commissioners said that before coming to a decision in the matter they would take an early opportunity of personally looking into the matter on the ground.

The deputation also urged that the Commissioners should water the tramway lines within the municipalities, which, it was stated, were very dusty. A supply of water existed at Waterloo, and it was asked that the Commissioners should provide pumping facilities and utilise the water for the streets. The Commissioners intimated that they could not see their way to incur expenditure in the direction indicated, but if the councils concerned would make the water supply available, so that water tanks could go alongside and fill up, they would be happy to extend their watering operations. At the present time they were doing all they could with the water at their disposal. The deputation further asked that the connection between the Mitchell-road tramway and the Botany tramway might be laid, so as to give the residents along the former route through tram connection with the city. The Commissioners replied that they were not at present quite prepared to give the through service asked for, but it would be introduced at the earliest possible moment.

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The "Sydney Mail's" travelling photographer contributes to this week's issue an interesting illustration of "A Mountain Race Meeting" at Nimitybelle.—Advt.

STATE IMPORTS.

SHALL THEY PAY FEDERAL DUTIES.

CASE IN THE SUPREME COURT.

THE KING'S PREROGATIVE.

JURISDICTION OF THE STATE COURT.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL v. COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS.

Yesterday, before the Full Court, consisting of the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Owen, and Mr. Justice Pring, a special case was argued, in which the main question was as to the liability of the Government of New South Wales to pay duty on goods imported for the purposes of the State or purchased here in bond. The action took the form of a proceeding by the Attorney-General of New South Wales against the Collector of Customs for the State of New South Wales, and by consent a special case under section 55 of the Common Law Procedure Act of 1899 was now submitted to the Court for decision. Mr. Pilcher, K.C., Mr. C. B. Stephen, and Mr. Lamb, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, appeared for the plaintiff; and Sir Julian Salomons, K.C., and Mr. Garland, instructed by Messrs. Macnamara and Smith, for the defendant. Mr. R. E. O'Connor, K.C., in his capacity as a member of the Federal Government, watched the case on behalf of the Commonwealth. The special case set out that the action was brought by the Attorney-General of the State of New South Wales, on behalf of his Majesty the King, to recover the sum of £994 17s 5d, being two sums of £869 6s 2d and £125 11s 3d paid by the State Government to the defendant as the Collector of Customs of the State in respect of certain Customs duties claimed by the defendant as such collector to be payable upon two parcels of goods imported into the State of New South Wales from parts beyond the seas. Such payments were made to the defendant under the following circumstances:—On February 24, 1902, the Government of New South Wales purchased in England a quantity of steel rails and fishplates from the Barrow Hematite Steel Company, Limited, for use in State railways, and caused them to be shipped through the Agent-General from London to Sydney for the Government. The goods arrived in Sydney in April, 1902, when defendant claimed that they were liable to Customs duty to the amount of £869 6s 2d. If such goods are liable to Customs duty it was admitted that the amount payable was the sum stated. The Government disputed the liability of the goods to Customs duty, and in accordance with section 167 of the Customs Act, 1901, they duly deposited with the collector £869 6s 2d. With regard to the sum of £125 11s 3d, the balance of the money claimed, the facts were as follows:—On November 7, 1901, Messrs. Virgoe, Son, and Chapman, a firm of Sydney merchants, imported by steamer from parts beyond the seas into the port of Sydney a large quantity of cement, of which they were the owners. The firm, about November 7, 1901, caused the cement to be landed and placed in bond in Sydney with Customs duty unpaid. On February 15, 1902, the Government purchased for the sum of £512 10s 1000 casks of the cement while it was still lying in bond. On the Government proceeding to remove the cement from the bond the defendant refused to allow it to be taken out without payment of the Customs duty which he claimed to be due, namely, the sum of £125 11s 3d. The Government disputed the liability of the goods to Customs duty, and in accordance with section 167 of the Customs Act, 1901, duly deposited the amount with the collector. It was contended by the Government that the goods were not in either case liable to pay duty, that being the property of the State Government before and at the time of the payment of the sums mentioned respectively, the goods were exempt from duty under the provisions of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act and the Customs Act of 1901. It was, however, contended on behalf of the defendant that the goods were at the respective times of the payment liable to pay Customs duty. The question for the opinion of the Court was whether under the circumstances set forth in the case the plaintiff was entitled to repayment of the sum of £869 6s 2d, or of the sum of £125 11s 3d, or of both.

Mr. Pilcher said he did not know what course the Court proposed to adopt as to argument. He mentioned the matter because the other day something fell from the Court with reference to jurisdiction.

The Acting Chief Justice: We have not considered the matter at all at present. I understand in a general way that the Collector of Customs is an officer of the Federal Government and not of the State at all. I may be wrong, but this is my impression.

Sir Julian Salomons: Yes, that is so. He is an officer of the Commonwealth, but is stationed in New South Wales.

The Acting Chief Justice: I cannot say off hand what jurisdiction we have over him. I for one have to be satisfied that we have jurisdiction before I consent to proceed. I cannot understand, in the first place, why the Attorney-General takes the matter up on behalf of the King, who is said to have an interest in the State revenue.

Sir Julian Salomons: There is a section of the Act as to the form in which the action can be brought.

The Acting Chief Justice: What jurisdiction have we in regard to Commonwealth revenue?

Sir Julian Salomons: We do not deny that the Court has jurisdiction in the matter.

Mr. Pilcher said he took the position that the money now in question was the money of the King, raised in the State under the authority of Parliament for the purposes of the King in this State. As to the power of the King to take proceedings through his officer, the Attorney-General, he said without fear of contradiction that although a subject could not force the King into a Court, the King could take a subject into any Court of the Realm.

Mr. Justice Pring: Have you not to show us that under the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act, or otherwise, we have jurisdiction to entertain a case against the Commonwealth?

Mr. Pilcher said it had been agreed that the Court should determine the rights of the parties and there was no doubt that the money would be returned if plaintiff was found to be right. The money had been deposited in accordance with the provisions of section 167 (sub-section 2) of the Customs Act, and if the State Court had no jurisdiction this money could be diverted from the purposes of the King in regard to the State service for which it was voted.

The Acting Chief Justice: It cannot be diverted, because it belongs to one or the other.

Mr. Justice Owen said that what was contended was that the appropriation by Parliament was for the King's service, and the State devoted some of the money to the King within its jurisdiction; and what the Federal Parliament was seeking to do was to take this particular money for the federal service of the King under the Federal Parliament, which was an entirely different thing. If this money was taken away the King's service would suffer because it was taken from the King's service in this State and applied elsewhere, and the services of the King in this State were impoverished to that extent.

Mr. Pilcher: Yes; it is raised for the King in this State, and Parliament appropriates it for the service of the King in this State.

The Acting Chief Justice: How do you get over the 75th section of the Commonwealth Constitution Act giving the High Court original jurisdiction?

Mr. Pilcher said he got over it in this way. The King was no more bound by that Act than the man in the moon, and the King was not named in it. That Act and all the other Commonwealth Legislation were meant for the King's subjects, and there was nothing to bind the King in any way whatever. And when, according to the fiction of Government he assented to the Commonwealth Constitution, he simply assented so as to bind his subjects and not himself. What was meant by the provision in the 167th section of the Customs Act for the return of the money deposited? It meant that it was not Commonwealth money until it was determined to be so. The Collector of Customs took the money simply under the power given to him by the Act, and the plaintiff, on behalf of the King, brought an action under its provisions. If it was an action by a subject it would be a different matter, but being by the King he had a right to bring it in any Court he pleased.

The Acting Chief Justice: That may be so, but the question is as to our power over the Commonwealth.

Mr. Pilcher said it was laid down in the case of Bradlaugh v. Clark, L.R. 8 Appeal by Lord Selborne and by other high authorities in other cases that the King might sue in any court. In "Chitty's Prerogative of the Crown" it was laid down that "in the first place, though his subjects are, in many instances, under the necessity of suing in particular courts, the King has the undoubted privilege of suing in any court he pleases."

The Acting Chief Justice: I do not doubt that, but you have to show that we can enforce our decision against the Commonwealth.

Mr. Pilcher: I say that any court of the King is bound to enforce any right which he establishes in that court.

Sir Julian Salomons said that the defendant was compelled to come here, and if the Court held that the plaintiff was entitled to receive this money defendant admitted that the money must be returned. Section 5 of the Commonwealth Constitution Act, which was inserted by the Imperial Parliament, made the whole of the Act binding upon this Court just as on the people of New South Wales. The Collector of Customs was an officer of the Commonwealth, but he was instructed to represent him, and he consented to the jurisdiction of the Court.

The Acting Chief Justice: But that will not give us jurisdiction.

Sir Julian Salomons: No; I know that, but if the Court decides that it has no jurisdiction plaintiff will take that point to the Privy Council, and if he succeeds we will have to pay the costs. We, therefore, wish to have the matter decided.

The Acting Chief Justice: There being a doubt in my mind it is my duty to mention it.

Sir Julian Salomons said that section 167 provided for the return of the money if the Court held that the goods were not liable to duty.

Mr. Pilcher said that there was another point which he wished the Court to make a note of in view of the probability of an appeal to the Privy Council, and that was that objection as to the want of jurisdiction must be taken on the pleadings, and this had not been done. That applied as much to a special case as to any other form of action. It was laid down in Mostyn v. Fabrigas, 1 Smith's Leading Cases, page 674, that advantage could not be taken of a want of jurisdiction unless it was pleaded.

The Acting Chief Justice: This is a federal duty imposed by the Federal Legislature, and I do not see my way clear to deciding a question which can be properly brought in the Federal High Court.

Mr. Pilcher: But there is no Federal High Court, and how do we know that there ever will be?

Sir Julian Salomons said he wished the Court to reserve the point as to whether it had jurisdiction, so that, if necessary, it might be taken on the appeal to the Privy Council.

Mr. Pilcher said he was quite willing that the point should be reserved.

The Acting Chief Justice: Do you take any exception to the jurisdiction or not, Sir Julian?

Sir Julian Salomons: I do not ask for any judgment on it.

Mr. Pilcher said that on the main point his first proposition was that the King was not bound by the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act, or any of the Acts passed in pursuance of any of its provisions. These Acts were only meant for subjects, and any obligations or rights were simply between subjects, and did not affect the King. And all these Acts where they purported to impose duties on the King—assuming that they did so—were so much waste paper, and did not bind the King, or the King's property, in any shape or form. In the case of goods imported by a private individual the liability to pay duty would no doubt attach to him, but when they were purchased on behalf of the King no liability for duty could attach to him. Referring once more to "Chitty on the Prerogative of the Crown," he pointed out that at page 382 it was laid down, "the general rule clearly is that although the King may avail himself of any Acts of Parliament, he is not bound by such as do not expressly mention him."

The Acting Chief Justice: Then I understand your argument to be this, that the State can import any quantity of goods and not pay duty because it is the King who imports them?

Mr. Pilcher said he admitted that his argument must go to that length, and he contended that a reference to the 114th section of the Commonwealth Constitution Act and other sections bore out that contention.

Mr. C. B. Stephen having briefly followed on the same side,

Sir Julian Salomons said that he was going to argue the matter for defendant as if there was no appeal from this Court, and as if this was a final court of appeal. As far as New South Wales was concerned the amount involved was between £150,000 and £200,000 per annum, and taking the six States of the Commonwealth it would involve about £500,000 per annum if the contention advanced on behalf of the plaintiff was correct. If that contention was sound it would in effect tear up the Commonwealth Constitution Act, because under that Act all the trade and commerce of the Commonwealth was exclusively vested in the Commonwealth Parliament; and if these States could import goods as they thought fit without paying duty no Act could be framed to deal with it. If his learned friend was correct there was no necessity to apply to Sir Edmund Barton to suspend the duty on grain and fodder on behalf of the drought-stricken settlers. Section 132 of the Commonwealth Customs Act provided that "no goods the property of the Commonwealth shall be liable to any duty of Customs," and it was absurd to put that provision in the Act if the other side was right about the King. But he submitted that such an argument was utterly untenable. If such a power existed it would upset the whole Constitution, and they might just as well tear up the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act as it would become absolutely unworkable.

At 4 o'clock the further hearing was adjourned to the following day.

PREVENTION OF STOCK STEALING.

DEPUTATION TO MR. KIDD.

AMENDING LEGISLATION PROMISED.

A large deputation, representative of the Stockowners' Association and other bodies, was introduced by Mr. F. E. Winchcombe, M.L.A., to Mr. John Kidd, Minister for Agriculture, yesterday, to ask for amending legislation for the better prevention of stock-stealing. Mr. F. B. Suttor, M.L.C., Vice-President of the Executive Council, who is also president of the Stockowners' Association, attended with Mr. Kidd to hear the views of the deputation, which included Messrs. W. Sawers, M.P., Vincent Dowling, C. Binnie, J. C. Manchee, W. F. Jaques, W. Alison, G. Yeo, R. D. Jones (chief inspector of stock), E. W. Beauman, J. W. Wilkinson, Cattrell, W. F. Lawry, C. Burcher, G. H. Hebden, B. B. Allen, Close, W. E. Moore, A. A. Muggridge, E. Hayes, J. W. Lavender, J. C. Boyd, Weaver, Trebeck, G. N. Griffiths, C. Hunter, E. Haynes, Austin, Wall.

Mr. Winchcombe said that the offence of sheep and cattle stealing was becoming more prevalent all over the State. At present stockowners were hampered in their efforts to bring the culprits to justice and to stamp out the practice by the amount of formality or "red-tape" that existed in the controlling legislation. In many cases the victims of thieving were able to put their hands on the offenders, but owing to the slow and laboured procedure the latter got away before action could be taken. The same difficulties stood in the way of prompt inquiry or arrest by the police. The deputation asked that the Minister would have the following suggestions incorporated in an amending Stockowners' Protection Bill:—"1. That the police and stock inspectors, with such assistance as may be deemed necessary, be empowered to enter without notice any lands or premises, to search for stock, skins, or hides suspected to be stolen, and to take possession thereof. 2. That all dealers of skins or hides shall be licensed, and that the police or stock inspectors may search in any of their premises or vehicles for skins or hides of stolen stock without a search warrant. 3. That all ears are to be left attached to sheepskins, and no brand shall be cut from hides of horses or cattle, under penalty. 4. And if any person be arrested and committed for trial for having unlawfully in his possession live stock, skins, or hides to the value of £10 or upwards, or have in his possession unlawfully skins or hides from stock that would have a live value of that amount, then such persons shall be brought to trial at a Circuit Court, or in a district other than that in which the offence has been committed. 5. That all persons who intend trucking stock give at least 24 hours' notice to the nearest police officer to the railway station where the stock are to be trucked from. All persons travelling stock irrespectively of distance must give the necessary notice as prescribed by the Travelling Stock Act to the stockowners through whose run they are to pass." The proposed amendments were the more necessary, because of the increasing facilities for the removal of stock, by which it was possible for the thief to "lift," truck, and sell his booty before the owner had even become aware of his loss.

Mr. Vincent Dowling said that the wretched condition of the country was no doubt responsible for the rapid growth of the evil during recent years. Prompt preventive steps were imperative.

Mr. W. Alison believed that the bill introduced by Mr. F. B. Suttor into Parliament in 1901 if somewhat altered and persevered with would have the effect desired by the deputation.

Mr. Charles Binnie said that during the past 10 or 12 weeks he had been robbed of stock to the value of £500, including 71 stud rams.

Mr. Kidd said that both he and Mr. Suttor fully realised the importance of the question. He would with the Chief Inspector of Stock and Mr. Suttor go carefully through the bill introduced into Parliament by the latter gentleman in 1901, and would endeavour to have it altered to fully protect the interests of stockowners. (Hear, hear). The prevention of stock stealing should claim the sympathy of every honest man in the State. If he could not find opportunity to introduce the bill into the Assembly during the next session he would arrange with Mr. Suttor to bring it forward in the Council, and he had no doubt its passage through the Lower House would quickly follow. He assured the deputation that the Government would not lose sight of the question but have it dealt with early in the session. (Hear, hear).

Mr. Suttor said he would be glad to have the assistance of the Stockowners' Association in reconsidering his bill in detail. In that way the measure could be amended and probably improved. (Hear, hear).

CLERKS AND WAREHOUSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

The eighth annual meeting of the Sydney Clerks and Warehousemen's Benefit Association was held on Wednesday night. Mr. Frank Grimley occupied the chair.

The annual report stated that the membership had increased by 116 during the year, but owing to the slackness of trade a sum of £263 11s 10d had been paid away to members as out of employment benefits, while the medical benefit had increased from £391 1s 11d in 1901 to £416 19s 10d. In view of these facts the directors felt impelled to ask the sanction of the members to a slight increase in the rates of subscription in order to keep the finances in a sound condition in accordance with actuarial investigation, and the necessary requirements of the new Friendly Societies Act. During the year offices providing more comfortable accommodation had been secured, and a library of well-selected works was now available for members. Employment had been found for 67 members and non-members. A noticeable feature of last year's transactions had been the recognition of the association by country storekeepers, and in each case it was stated the selection of the association had proved acceptable.

The report and balance-sheet, as well as the draft rules with the additions of necessary amendments, were adopted. The following were elected as the board of directors:—Messrs. W. A. Brewster, E. Bennett, J. R. Cunliffe, E. Campbell, E. F. Hughes, M. O'Dwyer, and D. S. Ogilvy. The name of Mr. G. A. Fraser was added to the list of vice-presidents. A vote of thanks was accorded the office-bearers for their services, after which a smoke concert was held.

POULTRY SPECIALISTS' CLUBS.

The monthly meeting of the Orpington, Wyandotte, Plymouth Rock, and Langshan Club, the Game Club, and the Mediterranean Breeders' Club was held at the Queen's Hall, on Wednesday. Mr. J. Gamble presided. Specimens of the Langshan, Plymouth Rock, British Game, and Silver Campines were exhibited, the latter attracting much attention owing to their having been quite recently introduced into this State. They have gained a high reputation in England as prolific layers, and it is expected that this important qualification will ensure popularity for them in Australia. It was unanimously resolved to support the proposal to hold a poultry gift sale in aid of the Drought Relief Fund, and a committee, consisting of Messrs. Lurcock, Bayley, and Harris, was appointed to receive donations, and six subscriptions were at once promised. The next united meeting will be held at Parramatta in March, when Brown Leghorns, Buff or Jubilee Orpingtons, and Old English Game will, it is expected, be on view.

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WORKERS OF INIQUITY.

BY ARNOLD BENNETT.

PART I.

LORELEY.

CHAPTER V.

THE DOCTOR EXPLAINS A MILLION IN VAIN.

Not only Arthur, but the imperturbable Dr. Colpus himself, was obviously amazed by this outburst on the part of Mrs. Cavalossi. As for Sylviane, she seemed to be more alarmed than astonished. It was as though she had been accustomed to the phenomenon. The two men looked from one to the other of the two women. Arthur distinctly amazes and at a loss, the quick-witted old Doctor searching within his active brain for some solution of the difficulty.

The atmosphere was tense, electric. Each wondered what would happen next. Arthur's eyes showed that a quarrel might burst like a thunder-cloud at any moment. Everything depended on the next words spoken.

Then Mrs. Cavalossi smiled exquisitely, and her features resumed their normal sweetness.

"Forgive me, my dear Arthur," she said, "but the temptation was irresistible. I could not help that bit of acting. But it appears that I startled you instead of making you laugh. Really I quite meant you to laugh. You ought to have laughed at my little joke—you who can so lightly refuse an offer of millions."

She sat down again, and poured out a some wine.

To look at that calm and smooth face in repose, with its delicious contours and charming gradations of colour, no one would have guessed that it was capable of such a transformation as that through which it had just passed. There are some feminine natures which remain placid for years, like the slopes of an unsuspected volcano, and then like a volcano break out viciously into clouds of anger and lava-torrents of vituperation. The damage done may be trifling or it may be disastrous, but all in the vicinity have realised the lurking danger, and they go in fear of it, for a time. In due course the danger is forgotten again; the volcano sleeps; the lava-beds are overgrown with vegetation, the landscape smiles. Perhaps only one person remembers the past and counts the risk of the future. In this case that one person was Sylviane. Sylviane knew her mother; not with the scientific insight of Dr. Colpus's trained intelligence, but by a sheer and profound instinct almost infantile in its sure divinations. Sylviane sighed now, a sigh made up equally of thankfulness and of apprehension. It was as though she had once witnessed the entombment of Herculaneum and Pompeii by Vesuvius, and the sight of fire and smoke, the sound of rumbling, had reconstituted the scene before her mind's eye—an eye which plainly perceived the possibility of further similar disasters.

Through what crisis, one wondered, had not the daughter passed with her mother during the years of her earlier girlhood!

The air was temporarily cleared. Sylviane glanced timidly at her mother and then at her husband. Dr. Colpus seized the chance, and began to speak in his low, even, reassuring voice.

"Ah! millions!" he said. "People often talk of millions without in the least realising what a million is, what it means, what it stands for. Now, Sylviane—you permit the old Doctor still to call you by that name, eh?—have you, for instance any idea of what a million pounds is?"

"Not the least in the world, Doctor," she answered calmly, and then added, with a gaze suddenly cold and scrutinising upon her husband, "and I don't believe Arthur has either."

Arthur Forrest shrugged his shoulders. "I have no practical interest in millions!" said he, and it was obvious that he was endeavouring to look bored by the tedium of this after-dinner interview. "I mean——"

"Let me try to tell you—what a million is," said the Doctor, without allowing Arthur time to say anything further. "A million pounds means an income of a hundred pounds a day, every day for ever. The fortune which Carl Peterson left is at this moment increasing by means of interest at the rate of two thousand pounds a week. Think of that! No one is doing anything to it, yet it is mounting up at the rate of ten pounds every hour, day and night. So much for the wonderful mechanism of interest. The man who ultimately handles that fortune will be one of the most powerful men in the most powerful country in the world. Without any ability on his part, he could become anything he chose, even to a marquis. He could spend a thousand pounds a week and still save half his income. He could found hospitals, build art galleries and museums, endow libraries, erect magnificent churches, succour the poor of a whole city, and scarcely feel these outlays."

"Is there anything he couldn't do?" laughed Arthur.

"Yes," said the Doctor, "there is. He couldn't spend the whole of his income on himself and get value for it. I defy any man worth nearly three millions, however expensive his tastes, to spend the whole of his income on himself. Unless he absolutely threw the money in the street, he must either support scores of charities or get richer and more powerful in spite of himself. That is why some of these Yankees one hears of, men who were worth a million or so some ten years since, are worth ten and twenty millions to-day—not because they desired these extra millions, but because they could not avoid them."

"It seems to me," said Arthur, "that you are bringing forward a very strong argument in favour of my declining this terrible fortune, which would grow whether I wanted it to grow or not. According to you, in a few years I should be so disgustingly, so oppressively rich that I should be a nuisance, not only to myself, but to my friends."

"Scarcely to your friends, Mr. Forrest," the Doctor smiled. "And as to becoming a nuisance to yourself, if it is a bore to be in a position to realise every wish, to have no whim unfulfilled, then all I can say is that there are a number of people on this planet who would desire nothing better than to be bored."

"Ah, well," said Arthur, as if to finish the matter, "I decided this question once and for all many years ago."

The Doctor put on a solemn and serious look.

"Let me say one word to you, Mr. Forrest, in the presence of your wife and of your wife's mother," he began. "I am an old man, and you will pardon me for speaking plainly. You are young enough to have been my son. You have no right to refuse this fortune. It is yours. If you allow another to hold and enjoy it, you will be doing an injustice—and the worst of all injustices—an injury to yourself. Vast wealth is a social responsibility. No one has the right to shirk it. You know as well as I do that the fortune is yours. Knowing that you must also know that it is your duty to see that that fortune is properly administered, put to the best uses. Apart from the question of your mother's memory——"

"I will thank you, Doctor," interrupted Arthur, "to leave my mother's memory out of the discussion."

"I say, apart from the question of your mother's memory," insisted the Doctor with firmness, "you are utterly wrong in sacrificing this wealth, which is so legitimately yours, from a mere exaggerated notion of friendship."

"Notion of friendship?" repeated Arthur.

"Yes," said the Doctor, smiling shrewdly. "Do you think that I cannot trace your motives, young man? Here is this unfortunate youth, Arthur Peterson, brought up in the expectation of great, of exceptionally great wealth. You, on the other hand, were brought up differently. You had no such golden vista always before your eyes. Then one day you learn that this dreamed of wealth is not his, but yours. You are his friend. You have told us so. You love him! Perhaps he has some claim on your gratitude. And so, with superb unselfishness, you say to yourself, 'The blow would be too cruel for him. I don't want the money. I will never tell him that it is mine.' That, Mr. Forrest, is what you said to yourself. I admire you for it. But, nevertheless, such a course is inexcusable. Moreover, let me tell you that you have not yet grasped what it is that you are doing."

"How did you learn all this?" said Arthur, without stirring in his chair.

"It seems plain to me," answered the Doctor.

"Then permit me to say, Doctor, that you are totally mistaken in your assumptions. Considerations of friendship never entered my head. I was governed in my action by something far deeper."

"You despise money, is that it?" The suave Doctor almost sneered.

"If you care to put it that way, I do," said Arthur.

The two men had hitherto had the conversation to themselves, but now Mrs. Cavalossi could keep silence no longer.

"If you forget yourself, Arthur," she said, "you should not forget my daughter."

She was calm, but only with an effort.

(To be Continued).

THE NEW FISHERIES LAWS.

IN FORCE TO-DAY.

The provisions of the Fisheries Act of 1902 come into force to-day, which is the sixtieth day after the Act was assented to by the Governor. There are several provisions in the new Act which will affect those who indulge in line and net fishing, whether for pleasure or as a means of livelihood, and also picnic parties and others who gather oysters, and who have up to the present been allowed to carry them away from the waters. Every person fishing for sale or using a boat for the same purpose must be provided with a license, the cost of which is 5s for the year; and every person who sells oysters, whether wholesale or by retail, must take out a license, the fee for which is 20s for the year. This provision affects oyster lessees, keepers of oyster shops, hotelkeepers, restaurants, and persons selling oysters in bottles. Licenses may be obtained at the Treasury and from clerks of petty sessions in the country districts.

Fishing nets must not be landed on shore in such a manner as to prevent undersized fish from escaping into the water, and it will be unlawful for fish to be left on the shore.

The use of wire traps or cages with wings attached so as to impede the free passage of fish in inland waters is prohibited, and as persons have been using these devices in the rivers in the interior, the police have to see that such methods of catching fish are put an end to.

It is now an offence for any person to take any fish under the weights prescribed in the Act, and inspectors of fisheries are directed by the Act to seize all undersized fish, and persons who are found with such fish in their boats or on their premises or in their possession will be liable to a penalty of £2.

It has been the practice for a large number of fishing parties to take every fish that they catch, even though they weigh only a couple of ounces, and an enormous destruction of immature fish has thus been caused at all the fishing grounds along the coast. Amateur fishing clubs have done good work in this respect by discouraging the destruction of fish under the schedule weights, but there are hundreds of people who go out fishing who are not actuated by such a laudable spirit. The weights at which fish may be taken are as follows:—Red bream, black bream, blackfish, rock cod, mullet, whiting, salmon, and carp, 6oz.; tarwhine, 7oz.; gurnet, flounder, sole, pike, trevally, nannegai, and sergeant baker, 4oz.; flathead and long tom, 5oz.; garfish, pilchard, and herrings, 2oz.; trout, teraglin, and groper, 12oz.; john dory, pig fish, perch, and eels, 8oz.; king fish, jew fish, and morwhong, 16oz.; Murray cod, 24oz.; crayfish, 10in. long; prawns, 1½in.; fresh water lobsters, 8in.—the measurements being taken from the eye to the tip of the tail. The protection of immature fish is of such vital importance to the country that it will be necessary to enforce the provisions of the Act as regards undersized fish, but it is hoped that the fishing public will make a practice of returning all such fish to the waters as soon as they are caught.

Trout may be caught by means of a rod and line only, and it is illegal for any person to use a night line, a net, or a fixed engine for catching trout. Trout must not be caught when spawning, and as there is provision in the Act to make a close season for trout, they will be protected from capture by any means whatever during their spawning season.

Foreshore leases for oyster culture may be obtained at a yearly rental of £1 for every 100 yards, the smallest area being 500 yards, and other lands may be put up for leasing by auction or tender. It is imperative that all oyster leases shall be cultivated by having suitable material laid down for the attachment of spat. Regulations will be issued defining approved methods of cultivation. Leased areas must not be so stripped of oysters or otherwise mismanaged as to threaten their partial or total destruction as oyster-bearing areas, and leases so worked will be liable to cancellation, and provision has been made to suspend for three years the taking of oysters that are not fit for consumption as food. No oysters may be taken away from unleased Crown lands or public oyster reserves, but the public may consume as many as they like on the waters or foreshores. This provision will apply to a number of people who have been in the habit of opening oysters on the rocks and removing them in bottles.

In waters that are at present closed to net-fishing no prawn nets can be used, as prawns are now defined as fish.

The whole of Brisbane Water and its tributaries from Box or Hawk Head to Green Point have been closed permanently against the use of nets, and any person who is found in possession of a net on such waters shall incur a penalty not exceeding £10, as well as the forfeiture of such net, lines, leads, corks, and gear.

The regulations under the repealed Acts will remain in force until they are repealed by the issue of new regulations.

COUNTRY FIRE BRIGADES.

THE GOVERNMENT GRANT.

DEPUTATION TO THE PREMIER.

A deputation waited on the Premier (Sir John See) yesterday to ask for an increase in the vote for country fire brigades from £1000 to £4000, the latter being the sum which had been granted by Parliament for some years past, and also to urge for the early introduction of the Amending Fire Brigades Bill. The deputation comprised Messrs. Dick, Edden, Gilbert, Estell, Brunker, Gillies, Coleman, Wright, Byrne, Fegan, and Anderson, Ms.L.A., and Captain Love, representing the country brigades. Superintendent Webb, of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades, was also present.

Mr. Dick said the amount of the vote granted to the country brigades was a matter of life and death to them. For a number of years the sum granted was £4000, but last year it was reduced to £1000. Notwithstanding this the grant to the Sydney brigades had been increased by the sum of £3000. The cutting down of the country vote really meant a threefold reduction inasmuch as the insurance companies refused to contribute any more than the Government. The deputation therefore asked the Government to extend the same assistance to the country brigades that they had received in former years. If this was not done they would be placed in such a position that they could not carry on. Referring to the Amending Fire Brigades Bill, Mr. Dick said that the measure when submitted to a conference of delegates, met with their unanimous approval. If that bill were passed into law there would be no need to ask the Government for increased subsidies. Under the existing state of affairs the financial condition of the brigades was almost hopeless.

Mr. Edden said that, whilst wishing the metropolitan brigades to be thoroughly efficient, it was incomprehensible to him that they should receive increased aid while the vote for the country should be cut down.

Mr. Brunker said it was scarcely fair that the subsidy to the country brigades should be cut down to such an enormous extent as to render their work in the future almost impracticable. Only recently they had an instance of one of the suburbs of Newcastle being almost swept to the ground, and if it had not been for the work of these brigades it was hard to say what would have occurred.

Captain Love said that at the recent demonstration at Albury it was pointed out to the Premier that some of the brigades would be compelled to close because the plant was so defective that they would only be laughed at when they went to a fire. At one outbreak the hose was so bad that it would not carry the water.

The Premier said that so far as the county of Cumberland was concerned there was an Act of Parliament which made it compulsory on the part of the Government, the insurance companies, and the municipalities to each pay a third towards the cost of the fire brigades. The Government's contribution for the present year was £15,150, and the two bodies mentioned each paid a similar amount. Any increase in the vote was purely automatic, and he denied that £3000 had been taken off the country grant and added to that for the city. It was optional on the part of municipalities outside the area mentioned whether they came under the Act or not. So far only a few had availed themselves of the opportunity presented. He thought the municipalities should contribute their quota towards the maintenance of the brigades, for it was just as much their duty to look after the interests of the ratepayers as it was of the Government. If these municipalities came in under the Act they would have to pay a third, and he could answer for the Government and the insurance companies doing the same. So far as increasing the vote of £1000 was concerned, he would give no reply then, but would inquire further into the matter. With reference to the Amending Fire Brigades Bill he promised the deputation it would be one of the earliest measures introduced next session.

DEBATING SOCIETIES' UNION.

The annual debate tournament held under the auspices of the New South Wales Literary and Debating Societies' Union was brought to a conclusion on Monday night, when the Central Mission Society and the School of Arts Debating Club met at the Centenary Hall to decide the final issue. Mr. Bruce Smith, M.P., was chairman of the judges, and was assisted by Messrs. W. H. Forrest, B.A., LL.B., H. E. M'Intosh, and F. W. Landau. The subject under discussion was,—"That power, place, pay, and patronage are more powerful in politics than pledges and principles," it being affirmed by the Central Mission Society. The verdict was given in favour of the School of Arts Debating Club.

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THE SUBURBS.

ANNANDALE.

A Mayoral minute submitted by Alderman Wells at the last meeting of the Annandale Council showed that a successful year had been experienced during 1902. The gross receipts for the year were stated to be £4280 0s 5d, while the expenditure amounted to £4652 15s. Though the expenditure had been somewhat in excess of the receipts, necessary works of considerable magnitude had been carried out, and expense of unusual character had been met. The overdraft at the end of the half-year on the general account was £219 5s 11d, the cash in hand £11 3s 6d, and the credit balance to the interest account was £212 16s 3d. The outstanding rates on February 2 amounted to £729 17s 1d, but this amount had since been reduced by £233 18s 8d. Throughout the year they had been compelled to exercise care, but had paid only 5s interest on the current account. Particular attention had been given to roads, kerbing, and guttering, and the asphalting of the footpaths, which was all new work. The Mayor congratulated the council upon the completion of the garbage destructor, which was a complete success, and was doing excellent work. The borough had progressed considerably during the year: 130 new houses had been erected, and unoccupied houses stood at a minimum. The general rate for the current year showed an increase of £301, and an increase of £100 6s 8d in the lighting rate. In dealing with the progress of the borough since its incorporation it was stated that in 1894-5 the rates totalled £3132 4s. This year the rates amounted to £4206 9s 4d, giving an increase of £1074 5s 4d.

The Annandale Council has informed the Under-Secretary for Public Works, in reply to a communication with regard to finding work locally for the unemployed, that the council had done so in the past, but could not undertake to continue it in the future.

The regulations of the Annandale Council relating to the practice of betting within the municipality have provided no less than £48 1s 8d revenue to the coffers of the municipality during the past month. The amount, it was reported by the inspector at the last meeting of the local council, was received from fines imposed on persons convicted at the courts for betting in the vicinity of the Forest Lodge racecourse.

ALEXANDRIA.

At a meeting of the council on Wednesday evening it was decided to co-operate with the St. Peters Council to request the Inspector-General of Police to take strong measures to put down the gambling evil occasioned locally by "two-up schools," which were carried on by groups of young fellows who congregated in the brick yards of the district.

The secretary to the Board of Health (Mr. King) has notified the local council that the veterinary inspector of his department had examined 274 cattle comprised in 18 herds attached to dairy premises in the district of Alexandria and registered under the Dairies Supervision Act, and had found, with one exception, the whole of the cattle to be in a healthy and good condition. The council adopted the report as most satisfactory.

Mr. Madden, sanitary inspector for the borough, reported to the council on Wednesday evening that during the past fortnight there had been notified six cases of infectious diseases in the district, viz., two of scarlatina, three of scarlet fever, and one of typhoid. The tipping of objectionable rubbish in the streets and vacant lands of the borough, he said, had become a serious nuisance, one dangerous to health. It was, he found, impossible to cope with it, and to a very large extent he attributed the increase of infectious diseases to this cause. The report was adopted, and the council decided to take action to put a stop to the practice.

Messrs. George Matthews and R. T. Cain have been appointed valuers to the borough for the current year. Their tender was £37 10s.

CONCORD.

Although the borough of Concord has been incorporated for 20 years it has only one public light in it. That light is in front of the council-chambers, and is available once a week for a couple of hours. In view of the fact that the prettily-situated and well-planned borough is controlled by a practical body of aldermen it is surprising that this condition of gloom has been continued so long. Two years ago the council took a plebiscite vote upon the desirability of lighting the borough with gas, but only a meagre response was made by the ratepayers, and the vote was in the negative by a small majority. On the basis of its rates, which total about £1200, Concord is entitled to 100 street lamps, and the lighting rate would be but 4d in the £. A vigorous effort is again being made in the district to ensure the borough being this year adequately lighted.

KOGARAH.

At a meeting of the Kogarah Council on Monday evening, presided over by the Mayor (Alderman Hunter Macpherson), a letter was read from the Hurstville council clerk asking that the standing committee of this council meet in conference with those of the other councils of St. George (Rockdale, Hurstville, and Bexley) to consider the advisability of establishing an abattoir in the district. It was resolved to accede to the request.

A letter was also received from the Hurstville Ratepayers' Association drawing attention to the state of the flooring boards on the overhead bridge at the Carlton railway station. It was pointed out that, owing to the boards not being close together, people crossing the bridge were liable to meet with accidents from the steam and smoke emitted by the passing locomotives. It was therefore asked that the council write to the Railway Commissioners asking that strips of iron be placed on the under portion of the flooring boards in order to abate the nuisance complained of. Several of the aldermen stated that there was a likelihood of women's and children's clothing becoming ignited by sparks from the engines.

The Railway Commissioners have notified the Kogarah Council that they cannot see their way to reduce the excursion fare from Kogarah to National Park on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. They point out that it is a special fare, and although the same amount as that charged from Sydney, yet it was lower than the ordinary fare, and therefore could not be reduced.

The Engineer for Government Tramways has written to the Kogarah Council, stating that he considered it would be more desirable to place the proposed waiting-room on the Rocky Point-road at Sans Souci, instead of at Endeavour-street. He pointed out that there was a lamp at that point and on one side there was an asphalt footpath. The proposed site met with the council's approval, and the council clerk was instructed to interview the owner of the property in reference to receiving his permission to erect the shelter-shed asked for.

In reply to a letter from the Public Works Department asking what work, if any, had been given by the council to the unemployed in the district during the Christmas season, the council clerk of Kogarah has replied that the Mayor (Alderman Hunter Macpherson) had instructed him to reply, stating that the council had much important work to be carried out. Owing to lack of funds, however, the council could not have those works executed, but would be pleased to do so if the Government would grant sufficient money for the purpose.

LANE COVE.

The valuers appointed by the Lane Cove Council to make the annual assessment of the whole of the rateable property within the municipality have completed their labours, and their report was laid upon the council table on Monday evening. It showed that the total capital value was £179,405, made up as follows:—East Ward, £63,065; Central Ward, £62,850; West Ward, £53,490. The annual assessed value was set down at £14,526, to which total the East Ward contributed £8054, the Central Ward £3923, and the West Ward £2549. A general rate of 1s in the £ would give an estimated revenue of £1102, as against £1040 for the previous year. During the year 45 new buildings have been erected—35 in the East Ward, 1 in the Central, and 8 in the West Ward.

The following committees have been appointed in connection with the Lane Cove Council for the ensuing municipal year:—Finance, the Mayor (Alderman H. C. Catt) and Aldermen Ludowici, Holdsworth, and Blacket; works, the whole council; lighting, the Mayor and Aldermen Clark, Ludowici, and Reeves; parks, the Mayor and Aldermen Reeves, Tomlin, and Baum; general purposes, the whole council.

At Monday's meeting of the Lane Cove Council the Mayor (Alderman H. C. Catt) and Aldermen Blacket and Baum were appointed to represent the council on the Northern Suburbs Municipal Committee.

In connection with the extraordinary vacancy in the Lane Cove Council occasioned by the resignation of Alderman James Robb, representative for the Central Ward, the following nominations have been received by the Mayor and returning officer (Alderman H. C. Catt):—Walter James Monroand Walter Thomas.

LINDFIELD.

The work in connection with the erection of a Public school building at Lindfield is progressing, and it is anticipated that it will be available about Eastertime.

A movement is on foot at Lindfield to urge upon the postal authorities the desirability of providing a post office for the district and of otherwise improving postal facilities.

PADDINGTON.

The following committees have been appointed for the ensuing year in connection with the Paddington Borough Council:—Finance: Aldermen W. H. Howard (Mayor), G. Walker, C. W. Oakes, M.L.A., J. Dillon, and J. Spencer. Works: The whole council. Lighting: Aldermen D. Brown, A. J. Kenny, J. Dillon, and G. Walker. Town Hall: The whole council. Library: Aldermen W. H. Howard (Mayor), A. Walker, C. W. Oakes, M.L.A., J. Dillon, and A. J. Kenny. Bylaw: The whole council.

PETERSHAM.

The fourth annual meeting of the Petersham Benevolent Society was held at the Petersham Town Hall on Tuesday. Alderman P. Hordern (Mayor) presided, and amongst those present were Messrs. J. J. Cohen, M.L.A., W. Crane, T. Miller, the Revs. R. E. Goddard, Dr. Porter, and W. Allen. The secretary's report showed that 32 families were being assisted at the close of the year, and others temporarily throughout the year. A moonlight harbour excursion had raised £44 3s 6d for the society. The Dorcas branch had done much good work. The hon. treasurer's statement showed that £181 3s had been spent on relief. The Government subsidy totalled £98 5s 9d, and the credit balance was £35 10s 1d. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, the Mayoress of Petersham; vice-presidents, Mesdames Triggs, Goddard, Maguire, London; hon. treasurer, Mrs. Hugh Dixson; hon. secretary, Miss Wilkinson; committee, Mesdames Lackersteen, Wilson, Langdon, Kennedy, Blacket, Cann, Clift, Cohen, Clifford, Cooper; advisory committee, all ministers in charge of churches in the borough, viz., Revs. R. E. Goddard, Dr. Porter, J. E. Carruthers, W. Allen, Morley, Paton, laymen W. Crane and T. Miller, the Mayor, ex-officio; the Dorcas branch, Mesdames Lackersteen, Wilson, Kennedy, Binsted, Misses Ducker and Bell.

ROSEVILLE.

At the monthly meeting of the Roseville Progress Association, held on Monday evening, it was unanimously resolved to support any movement to establish a Technical College at North Sydney.

The Roseville Progress Association has decided to urge upon the Deputy Postmaster-General the necessity for establishing a telephone bureau at the local railway station for the convenience of the largely increased population of the district.

WATERLOO.

At the last meeting of the Waterloo Council the retiring Mayor, Alderman Navin, presented a minute dealing with the work of the council for the previous year. The minute set forth that the year had been a trying one in many respects, but in all he had had the sympathy and support of the aldermen, and for that he felt most grateful. He started with a cash balance of £131, and an asset of £44 of uncollected general rates, and he left a cash balance of £185, and an asset of rates uncollected of £118. He therefore left the borough treasury in a better state than he found it, and the incoming Mayor had a little capital on which to work instead of having to borrow until he got his rates in.

WOOLLAHRA.

The council announces by advertisement that the plans showing the sections of the proposed permanent levels of Wunulla and Wolseley roads in the Woollahra Point Estate are lying at the office of the council.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION.

It cannot be said that the attendance of partially-paid and volunteer officers at the schools of instruction already held, or now in progress, is satisfactory, and this is not surprising, as the duration of and hours fixed for the classes are not convenient to the great majority of officers engaged in business or occupying civil positions. The anticipations of Major-General Sir Edward Hutton regarding the success or value of the schools, as far as militia officers are concerned, are not likely to be realised unless some changes are made. Officers who profess to be desirous of qualifying in one or other of the courses point out that it is unreasonable to expect many of them to get away from their business or profession without recompense for so long as 10 days in order to attend a school. The hours fixed for the courses, viz., 7 to 8 a.m., 10 to noon, and 2 to 4 p.m., with a lecture in the evening also, practically necessitate those attending quartering at the Victoria Barracks during the period of instruction. Already two or three of the schools have had to be cancelled or postponed owing to the inability or disinclination of officers to attend.

An infantry school (No 9), under Major J. G. Legge, started at the Barracks on Wednesday, but only five officers are attending, viz., Lieutenants Holborow (3rd Infantry Regiment), Finch (4th Infantry Regiment), Kirkland (St. George's Rifles), Coyle (2nd Infantry Regiment), and Henwood (Civil Service Corps). The class is completed with Staff Q.M. Sergeants Coleman, G. Smith, W. Smith, and Kelly. The same condition of affairs apparently applies in Queensland. Lieutenant-Colonel J. M. Antill, C.B., has just returned from Brisbane, where he conducted a Light Horse school, and it is stated that whilst there was a good attendance of the permanent staff, there were no militia officers able to attend.

THE EASTER ENCAMPMENT.

It is expected that next week the locale of the metropolitan camps for the four days' period of continuous training at Easter will be announced. It is understood that there is a probability of the Light Horse, comprising the three mounted regiments, being concentrated at Clarendon, Hawkesbury River. Major-General Hutton is expected to pay his next visit to this State during the Easter holidays, and will most likely be present at the cavalry camp.

ST. GEORGE'S RIFLES.

For the purpose of inaugurating a company of the 7th (St. George's Rifles) Regiment at Mosman a public meeting will be held in the local council-chambers to-night at which the Mayor will preside. It is stated that about 80 applications for membership have been received. Owing to the remaining members of E (Balmain) Company of the regiment having been absorbed in the Leichhardt Company a proposal to transfer E Company to Mosman has been approved.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL FINN.

Brigadier-General Finn, who is making a series of inspections of the northern troops, judging by the favourable reports coming to hand, is evidently by his winning personality infusing considerable enthusiasm into military matters in the northern towns. He will return to Sydney on Monday, and a few days later proposes to visit the southern part of the State, inspecting troops at Braidwood, Bungendore, Cooma, Bega, Berry, Robertson, Goulburn, and elsewhere. He will be thus engaged until March 22.

DEFENCE FORCE RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The State Commandant is calling a meeting of the council of the Defence Force Rifle Association, a body organised to promote and encourage shooting under service conditions, for next Wednesday at the United Service Institution for the purpose of considering a proposal to carry out the annual rifle meeting at Easter. An executive committee will be appointed, and as Major M. Boam is now located in Melbourne the council will require to elect an hon. secretary and an hon. treasurer.

SOUTH COAST RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Riflemen intending to compete at the annual prize meeting of the South Coast Rifle Association, which takes place at Kiama, commencing next Wednesday, are reminded that entries for the various matches close on Saturday.

ARMIDALE, Thursday.

Brigadier-General Finn inspected the Australian Horse and school cadets here to-day.

AMUSEMENTS.

THEATRE ROYAL.

"A Chinese Honeymoon," a musical piece which has just passed its six hundredth night at the Strand Theatre, London, was revived at the Theatre Royal last night for the close of the comic opera season by Mr. George Musgrove's company. The piece caused much laughter, owing chiefly to the efforts of Mr. Edward Lauri as Pineapple and of Miss May Beatty as Fi-Fi. The latter was the recipient of beautiful flowers, and Miss Josephine Stanton, who proved in capital voice as Princess Soo-Soo, was even more generously favoured. The only change in the cast involved the appearance of Miss Dolly Ventry as Mrs. Pineapple, an actress rather too youthful for this particular part, though her natural comeliness and charm of manner enabled her to come off with a fair amount of credit, and should prove of service to her with the company on other occasions. The Musgrove company will leave for Melbourne by a special train at 4 o'clock to-day in readiness for the production of "The Fortune Teller" on Saturday.

Miss Nellie Stewart will arrive in Sydney this morning in anticipation of her rentree in "Sweet Nell of Old Drury" to-morrow. The whole of the dress circle and many rows of stalls have been already reserved for her reappearance. Mr. A. B. Tapping, the stage manager of Mr. Musgrove's dramatic company, has been rehearsing the local auxiliaries for to-morrow's revival for some days past.

THE PLAYERS.

The production of "The Ironmaster" at the Theatre Royal to-night should prove an interesting amateur effort, as a special cast will include the best of The Players. Mrs. Philip Lytton will appear as Claire, with Mr. Owen Sancroft as Philippe Derblay; Misses Maude Lonsdale, Marion Verna, Lilian Booth, Holden MacDonnell, and Messrs. Lincoln, Jones, W. J. Curtis, Cuthbert Sancroft, Blandford Wright, Harold Curtis, and Stanley M'Kay will support the principals. Mr. Philip Lytton will direct the performance.

THE ALEXANDRIA STABBING CASE.

PROPOSAL BY MR. QUONG TART.

At a meeting of the Alexandria Council held on Wednesday evening a letter was read from Mr. Quong Tart, on behalf of the Chinese residents, deeply sympathising with Mrs. Pugsley, the mother of the boy who was recently killed by being stabbed by a Chinaman named Ah Kin, and who also lost her husband through an accident some few months ago. Mr. Tart thought that something should be done to assist the bereaved widow, and suggested that a united effort be made to arrange a benefit concert in the district of Alexandria. He would be happy, he said, to assist in every way possible to make the affair a success. He asked that if the council approved of the proposition it would communicate with him at once in order that complete arrangements might be made in connection with the concert. Mr. Tart added that he understood the members of the Lin Yik Tong Society intended giving a Chinese theatrical display in the city in aid of the object at an early date.

Alderman O'Riordan moved,—"That the letter of Mr. Quong Tart be received, and his generous offer accepted, the council to render all assistance possible." Several of the aldermen supported the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

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This week's "Sydney Mail" contains a page of interesting snapshots of the naval boat race, Glacier v. Royal Arthur.—Advt.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

DELAY IN THE NEW BUILDING.

SYDNEY BACKWARD IN REGARD TO SICK CHILDREN.

WHAT THE COMMITTEE WISH.

That there is urgent necessity for removing the Children's Hospital from its present cramped and otherwise unsuitable situation at the Glebe has long been recognised. Each year the position has become more acute, until now medical men who are closely in touch with the subject state that a certain number of children are dying in Sydney because there is no institution to which they can be admitted. It was pointed out to the Premier by a deputation on Tuesday that the existing hospital has only 50 beds, while at least 150 are necessary to treat all the urgent cases that come forward. It is a fact, too, that of all the Australian States New South Wales makes the least proportionate provision for its sick children. In Brisbane there is an institution with 120 cots, while Melbourne and Adelaide are also well equipped. To make the local position worse, the Glebe Hospital is not adapted to fill its mission satisfactorily, even to the extent of its accommodation, and many objections to it are frequently being urged.

Some time has elapsed since the public began subscribing to the fund to build a new hospital, and about £9000 for the purpose is now in hand. So far, however, the project has not been given definite shape, and, naturally, subscribers are murmuring at the delay. Collectors complain, too, on the ground that it is not easy to raise money for an undertaking which remains so long in the nucleus stage. The difficulty lies in the acquisition of a satisfactory site. Those who are generously giving their time and endeavours to the control of the institution point out that the building is to be one that will satisfy the necessities of the city for a long time ahead, that it will be erected on lines which will make it an ornament in its neighbourhood, and that from its very nature it should have all the advantage of position so far as such can be reasonably obtained.

Some two or three years ago the committee received from the Government 3½ acres of land near the north-west corner of Centennial Park. It was generally hoped that the future hospital would not occupy this site, but that when it was possible to build, an exchange for a more suitable position would be effected. The committee now desires to do this, and advances many strong reasons in support of its proposals. It is shown that to overcome the disadvantageous contour of the property now held an expenditure of £3000 will be necessary on foundations and basements. Then the land suffers by being traversed by a gully, which is considered very undesirable. Its worst feature, however, is that it is some 20ft. too low to overlook the Centennial Park, so that its eastern aspect, which should command a magnificent sweep across the park and its surroundings, is completely effaced by Red Hill. Built on this site the hospital would require an elevation of 5ft. in front and 9ft. at the rear to bring it to the level of a proposed highway to be known as Cook-road. Red Hill would then lie immediately on the opposite side of the road, and the first floor of the hospital would be on a level with its crown. The ground-floor would be quite shut in from the east, which from a medical standpoint is most undesirable. Surroundings are always considered to be an important factor with invalids, and more particularly where children are concerned.

What the committee particularly wishes is to secure from the Government Red Hill itself. "We should then have," says Dr. Clubbe (hon. medical officer to the institution), "one of the best sites in the world for a children's hospital." When the deputation on Tuesday put their request to Sir John See they were told that the land required was included in the Centennial Park dedication, and that he did not think Parliament would consent to part with it. When, however, it was pointed out to Sir John that Red Hill was included in the area by which it was proposed to raise the means for completing the late Sir Henry Parkes' idea of a State House, and that a portion of that area had been already alienated for the new tram sheds, he was disposed to give the matter more consideration. Those who in the interests of the new hospital wish to have it erected economically, and in a position where in addition to giving patients the most cheerful and helpful surroundings it will command public attention and grace its environment, think that the precedent established by the tram sheds might be safely followed. It is urged that the land in question is public property, and that the hospital will be public property, and be dependent on the public for support. In the best interests of the community, then, it is thought that the public should choose for itself, through the Government, only the best spot, and not erect a permanent institution in an inferior position. They hold, too, that a hospital has surely a superior claim on a concession of this land to a group of tram sheds. Any objections to the hospital from residents in the locality are met by the statement that no infectious cases will be treated in the proposed building at Centennial Park, but will receive attention elsewhere.

A second alternative site has been suggested, and is receiving the consideration of the Premier. This adjoins the position now held, but although preferable to that, is far inferior to Red Hill.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

MAITLAND-SOUTH GRAFTON RAILWAY.

The Public Works Committee yesterday further considered the expediency of constructing a line of railway from Maitland to South Grafton. Mr. J. M'Farlane, M.L.A., occupied the chair. Mr. Arthur John Hare, who is chief draughtsman in the Department of Lands, stated that there were 1,937,000 acres of the country which the proposed railway would traverse of alienated land; 1,031,000 acres of reserves, and 70,650 acres under settlement, improvement, and special leases, together with 83,800 acres of pastoral and farm leases, and 1,829,000 acres of Crown lands, of which 574,000 acres were under occupation leases and 1,255,000 acres were unoccupied, but a considerable portion of the last-mentioned area was really tenanted. It was not particularly good land, otherwise it would have been selected before. The best part of the land had been selected and a good deal of it was under annual lease. Mr. William Henry Hare, assistant statistician in the Government Statistician's Department stated that the population according to the census of 1901 of the district which the proposed railway would affect was 46,920, and the estimate of the population in December last was 47,880. Further consideration of this question was postponed.

CAMDEN HAVEN HARBOUR WORKS.

The Committee proceeded to consider the expediency of carrying out works in completion of the Camden Haven Harbour improvement works. Mr. J. Davis, Under-secretary for Public Works, stated that Camden Haven was one of the principal ports in connection with the timber trade of New South Wales, and a large amount of capital had been invested in the erection of the plants necessary for the carrying on of the industry. The weekly output of timber was estimated to be 95,000ft. The proposed work was an extension of the northern breakwater by 2900ft., and of the southern wall by 800ft., the total cost being estimated at £13,650. About 200 square miles of country would be served by these works. In the opinion of the witness the timber trade could be adequately provided for by a railway, and he did not think there was any chance of a population in the district sufficient to warrant the proposed expenditure, at all events in the immediate future. Something like £23,563 had already been expended, but it was questionable whether the bar had been improved. Mr. T. W. Keele, Principal Engineer of the Harbour and Rivers Branch of the Public Works Department, said nothing had been done in the way of erecting a breakwater at Camden Haven. He could see no reason why the proposed works should not cause the deepening of the channel to 10ft. The present condition of the entrance could not be worse than it was.

The Committee adjourned until 2 p.m. to-day.

THE OLD BELMORE MARKETS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—As the works committee of the City Council is now dealing with the demolition and reconstruction of the markets, we have been directed by the market gardener stall-holders to seek your co-operation in the matter, as it is a question that not only affects the stall-holders and buyers, but the citizens also. We believe that a great mistake will be made by the council if they decide to erect markets on the present site for the following reasons:—

1. It is too close to the new railway station, and will be a blockade to the through traffic to the city.

2. At present the market contains 281 stalls. It is proposed not to permit the horses and carts to remain in the market as at present. This system the gardeners will not submit to, as it will be too cramped to put 600 stalls on less space than is now taken up by 281. It will entail great expense and necessitate working longer hours. At present many of them work 15 hours per day, rising between 1 and 2 o'clock on market mornings.

3. It has been urged that the horses should not remain in the markets for sanitary reasons: but we wish to state that no complaint has been made about it since their erection—34 years ago. We also say most emphatically that the system of sanitation in the old markets is much superior to that in the new, inasmuch as in the former the vegetables are placed on benches 2ft. higher than the floor, whereas in the new markets they are dumped down on the floor, and are more likely to become contaminated with the excreta from the horses. We would urge the council to select another site centrally situated, but removed from the centre of heavy traffic.

We would suggest any one of the following:—(1) Prince Alfred Park, (2) either one of two or three blocks near the Technical College, Ultimo, (3) Blackfriars, (4) between St. Barnabas' Church and the bottom of Bay-street, (5) Darling Harbour.

A similar structure to the present one, with stalls and benches, will meet our requirements; but one built on the lines recommended by the council's officers will prove a white elephant, and the gardeners will be compelled to seek a market elsewhere.

I am, &c., F. HAMBLY,

Chairman of Market Gardeners' Committee.

February 26.

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MEETINGS.

BOROUGH OF MOSMAN.

To WILLIAM H. SMITH, Esq., Mayor of Mosman.

Sir,—We the undersigned residents of Mosman respectfully request that you will be good enough to call a Public Meeting at your earliest convenience for the purpose of considering the advisability of establishing a Company of the 7th Infantry (Volunteer) Regiment (St. George's Rifles) in this district.

We may mention that from the number of names already submitted of those anxious to join there is every reason to believe that the movement will meet with success.

Thanking you in anticipation, we are, Sir,

Yours most respectfully,

R. HARNETT	H. T. R. BULL
HARRY DAVEY	R. FLANNERY
F. R. STRANGE	A. G. Y. SHAW
MICHAEL QUINSEY	DANIEL WALSH
L. C. JOHNSON	JOHN S. BURT
B. CONNELL	A. COLLINS
J. SHEARER	J. VIZER
S. COLLINS	A. T. MOORE,
	and Others.

In compliance with the above Requisition, I hereby convene a Public MEETING of the Residents of Mosman, to be held in the Council-chambers on FRIDAY, 27th instant, at 8 p.m.

W. HENRY SMITH, Mayor.

Council-chambers, Mosman, February 25th, 1903.

BOROUGH OF MARRICKVILLE.

N.S.W. DROUGHT RELIEF FUND.

In response to a numerously-signed requisition I hereby convene a Public Meeting to be held in the Town Hall, Illawarra-road, on FRIDAY EVENING, 27th inst., at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of taking steps to assist in alleviating the distress caused by the disastrous drought. A large attendance of residents is requested, and the sympathy and presence of the ladies is also solicited.

T. H. ENGLAND, Mayor.

Town Hall, Marrickville, 20th February, 1903.

N.S.W. DROUGHT RELIEF LORD MAYOR'S FUND.—Ladies' General Committee Meet 11 a.m., THIS DAY, Town Hall. Volunteers please attend and give in names for Drought Saturday Collection on March 14th.

LADIES' POLITICAL CLASS MEETS TO-NIGHT, at 190 Q. V. Markets. Subject, "Taxation."

UNITED FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' PICNIC, CLONTARF, EASTER MONDAY.—A MEETING of the General Committee will be held TO-NIGHT, at 8 o'clock, in the Manchester Unity Hall, Elizabeth-street. Business: Reception of Sub-committee's Reports and Distribution of Tickets. All Executive Officers of Grand and District Lodges are cordially invited.

THOMAS KEMP, W. MOFFITT-BURNS, Joint Hon. Secretaries.

HIBERNIAN A. C. B. SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of Delegates from Branches throughout the State will be held in the TOWN HALL, SYDNEY, THIS FRIDAY, commencing at 10 a.m.

P. O'LOUGHLIN, District Secretary.

SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN MUTUAL PERMANENT BUILDING AND LAND INVESTMENT ASSOCIATION, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Twenty-first Annual Ordinary General MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Long Room, Mercantile Mutual-chambers, 118 Pitt-street, Sydney, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 27th February, 1903, at 4 p.m.

BUSINESS OF THE MEETING:—

To receive the Report and Balance-sheet for the financial year ended 31st January, 1903.

To elect two Directors in the place of Messrs. Robert Mackey and R. P. Brickwood, who retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election and have given the required notice that they are candidates for the office.

To elect two Auditors. And

To transact such other business of which due notice shall have been given.

By order of the Board,

THOMAS DAVIS, Manager.

27th February, 1903.

NORTH NYMAGEE COPPER-MINING COMPANY, No Liability.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ELEVENTH HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at 2.30 p.m. on FRIDAY, 27th February, 1903, at the Company's Office, No. 121 Pitt-street, Sydney, to receive Directors' Report and Balance-sheet for the half-year ended December 31st last, and to transact general business.

By order of the Board,

LEONARD DODDS, Manager.

Sydney, February 17th, 1903.

MOUNTAIN AIR at WAHROONGA.

ATTEND TO-MORROW'S SALE.

Lithos from HARDIE and GORMAN.

HORSES AND VEHICLES.

CASH OR TIME PAYMENT.—Horse, Van, Harness, £8; Horse, Springcart, Harness, £6; Springcart, £2; Box Cart, £3; Express Waggon, £4 10s; Tip Dray, £2; Timber and Spring Drays, with brake; Pony, Sulky, Harness, suit lady; Horse, Sulky, Harness, £12; New Village Cart, Horse, Harness; Single Horse Lorries and Tip Drays; Twenty Horses, light and heavy, week's trial; two single-seated Hooded Buggies, Nightsoil Cart; two light Staircase 'Buses, £6 each; Ten Sulkies, new and second-hand; Harness and Saddles of every description from £1 upwards set; Covered Cart Horse, and Harness, suit country; Two Draught Horses, suit farm work; New Van, Horse, Harness good lot, £12; New Springcart, Horse, Harness; Two Farm Drays, £3 each. Largest and Cheapest Saleyard in Sydney. ROBO'S, Pine and Stream streets, off Abercrombie-street, back of St. Benedict's Church, off George-street West. Letters and country orders attended to immediately.

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FOR SALE, TIPDRAY, cash or terms. 2 Young-lane, off Boronia-st., Redfern, after 2.

HOODED Sulky Turnout, ch'p; bent-shaft Pony Sulky and lady's Phaeton. 80 William-st., city.

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FOR SALE, 1 Roan FILLY, age 4 years, suit sulky, any trial, quiet. L. Lockyer, 158 Morehead-st., Redfern.

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A GOOD useful HORSE for SALE, any trial. Apply 52 St. John's-rd., Forest Lodge.

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A chance to obtain a thoroughly well-built VILLA, on bluestone concrete foundations, the strictest inspection invited, containing 5 rooms, kitchen, all modern offices and conveniences; price £800. BACKHOUSE and GOYDER, Mut.-bldgs., Martin-place.

SAFE INVESTMENT.—Well-built COTTAGE, on a massive stone foundation, 4 minutes electric tram, let to an excellent tenant at a rental of £40 per year, much better than bank interest, Cottage is up to date, possessing all latest improvements, and connected with sewer; price £425 for cash.
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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Thursday Evening.

As the week extends the volume of business in the Stock and Share market has a decreasing tendency. To-day's transactions were few. Government securities were unaltered. Bank shares likewise. Australian Joint Stock Bank "A" deposits were sold at the advanced price of 12s 10½d. Steam shares were unchanged. Mercantile Mutual Insurance rose, with buyer at 13s. In Gaslight, Goulburn had buyer 48s 6d, Australian selling at the last quotation. Castlemaine and Wood Brothers and Toohey's Breweries were sold at the previous prices. In the miscellaneous list, Sydney Hydraulic rose 3d, and Colonial Sugar sold at the previous price, other changes being but nominal.

The following sales were reported on the Sydney Stock Exchange to-day:—Forenoon: Castlemaine and Wood Brothers' Brewery, 12s 3d; Colonial Sugar, 38¾. Noon: Nil. Later: A.J.S. Bank A deposits, 12s 10½d; Australian Gaslight, £16 16s. Afternoon: Toohey's, Limited, 21s. The closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyers.	Sellers.	*Yield to Investor.
	£	£	£	p.c.				p.c.
F. STOCK &c.								
N.S.W. F. S., 1892	549,350	..	...	4	102	101	103	3½
Do. Act, 1873	536,189	...	...	4	105	103½	...	3½
Do., 1912	...	...	...	3	91½	...	91	...
Do., 1912	...	...	...	3½	99	99	...	3½
Do. deb., 1909	...	...	...	...	...	101	103	...
Do. F.S., 1925	...	...	...	3	91½	...	...	...
Do., T. Bills, 1905	1,000,000	...	...	3½	99½	99	100	3½
Do., T. Bills, 1906	...	...	...	...	98½	...	...	3½
Queensl'nd T. Bills	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...
Do. Deb. 1902	899,800	...	...	5	100	...	...	...
Q.D., 1913	...	...	...	4	101	...	...	3½
Q.D., 1925	...	...	...	3½	...	...	...	...
N.Z. D., 1913	800,000	...	...	4	103	...	...	3½
Ditto, 1914	...	...	...	4	102	...	...	...
Col. Sugar D., 1914	...	...	...	5	111	106	...	...
City Syd. Deb.	...	...	...	4	105	100	...	3½
BANKS.								
Aust. J.S.	1,168,041	10	7½	...	...	88	...	5½
Australasia	1,600,000	40	40	11	88	78	80/	...
City	360,000	10	8	4	...	7½	...	...
New Issue	160,000	10	8	4	71/	71/6	...	6
Commercial of Australia	94,400	10	10/	...	8/4	4/	...	...
Ditto pref.	2,117,076	10	10	3	90/	77/6	92/6	7
Comm. of Syd	1,000,000	25	12½	10	25½	25½	25¾	4¾
N. of Aus.	1,192,440	8	5	3½	56/3	63/	57/	6¼
Ditto, pref.	303,780	10	10	5	...	10½	...	...
N.S.W.	2,000,000	20	20	10	41½	41½	41¾	5
New Zealand	427,319	6¾	3¼	5	71/	75/6	...	4¾
N. Q'nsland	100,000	7	2	2¼	13/	...	...	7½
Royal of Q.	451,307	6	6¾	3	56/	55/	...	...
Union	1,500,000	75	25	8	37½	37	...	5½
DEPOSITS.								
A.J.S. Bk.—Class A	...	...	...	8	12/10½	12/9	13/1½	4¾
Class B	...	...	...	3	11/1½	11/7½	11/3	5½
Ditto Insc.	788,030	...	...	3	8/6	6/7½	9/1	5¾
Com. of Aus. A ser., 1899	945,492	...	...	3½	19/3	19/	...	3½
Ditto assets	3,400,000	...	...	3	13/3	13/	...	4½
E.S.A. Insc. pref.	880,418	...	...	3	12/	11/9	12/3	5
Ditto def.	870,900	...	...	4½	16/9	16/6	...	5½
Ditto Deb.	983,547	...	...	4	17/	16/9	17/	4½
DittoTer.	93,122	...	...	4	19/10	19/	...	4
Q. National	...	...	...	3	11/6	10/3	...	7
STEAM.								
Balmain N. Ferry	16,420	1	1	10	...	24/	29/	...
Illawarra	56,000	7	3	8½	80/	75/	85/	7
Newcastle	100,000	1	1	6	...	17/9	19/6	6¾
N'thCoast	171,250	1	17/6	8	22/6	...	21/9	7½
Sydn'y Ferries	120,000	1	1	8	38/	37/6	38/6	4¼
Ditto new	...	...	1	...	38/6	...	...	...
P. Jackson	25,000	30	25/	5	21/	17/	21/	...
Ditto, Co-op	8,745	...	1	2½	17/	...	17/	...
How. Smith, ordinary	...	...	20	10	...	...	...	...
Ditto ord.	...	...	5	10	...	...	...	...
Ditto Pref.	...	...	20	5	...	...	...	...
Ditto Pref.	...	...	5	5	...	...	...	...
INSURANCE.								
A. M. Fire	50,000	1	10/	14½	32/6	33/	...	...
Mer. Mut.	50,000	1	4	14	13/	13/	13/4½	5¼
N. Zealand	200,000	10	2	15	76/	80/	...	7½
N. Q'land	50,000	1	10/	5	...	12/	15/	...
Ditto	8,500	1	5	8	...	...	...	...
United	62,500	10	2½	10	78/6	79/	80/	6¼
Ditto new	5,725	10	12/	10	1/	...	20/	7½
GAS.								
Albury	7,500	1	12/6	10	8/	...	...	...
Australian	681,790	6	6	...	16/16/	16½	16/16/	5¼
C. Towers	20,000	10	10/	1	14/9	...	...	...
Goulburn	10,000	1	1	15	48/6	48/6	...	6¼
Grafton	8,000	1	1	8	27/6	...	28/	6¼
Maitland Gas	15,600	5	5	...	...	6	...	...
Manly	10,000	1	1	7	25/	...	...	6¼
Ditto New	8,000	1	10/	7	12/6	...	...	...
Mudgee	8,000	1	1	7	19/	18/	...	7½
Newcastle	25,128	2	2	13	6	5½	6¼	5
Ditto	...	...	20/	...	78/9	80/	...	...
North Shore	100,000	1	1	7	33/6	35	...	4
Ditto New	...	...	15	7	18/	20/	...	...
[illegible]	...	...	...	10/	...	...	...	...
Ditto Pref.	...	...	...	...	7/	...	...	...
BREWERIES								
Albury	10,500	...	10	5	...	...	...	...
Ditto	4,000	1	1	5	...	...	...	...
Australian	48,000	10	10	...	4/6	4/	6/	...
C. and Wood Bros.	250,000	1	1	4	12/3	12/	12/6	6¼
Marshall's	29,707	10	5	6	4/6	4/4	4/7	6¼
Perkins'	88,000	15	15	17½	37/	...	...	7
Toohey's	550,000	1	1	...	21	20/9	21/3	...
Tooth's	900,000	1	1	8	31/9	31/6	32/	5¼
MISCELN'S.								
[illegible]	17,500	15	10/	5	3/	2/9	3/3	16½
Aus. News	40,000	1	1	...	0/6	...	9/	...
S. H. Water Supply	186,300	1	1	10	18/9	17/	19/	10½
Burns, Philp	275,000	1	1	8	31/6	31/	32/6	5
New Issue	...	1	5/	8	8/3	...	8/	5
Col. Sugar	1,979,900	20	20	10	38½	38½	39	5¼
Dalgety & Co.	1,000,000	20	5	6	90/	...	91/	...
Dunlop P. Tyre	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	160,000	1	1	...	8/6	...	...	...
Emu Gravel	34,000	1	1	5	6/	...	6/	...
[illegible] Coke	12,570	20	20	...	...	...	...	...
Do. Pref., etc.	2,703	[illegible]	10	7½	...	...	...	...
Hoffnung & Co.	150,000	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
[illegible] pref	70,000	5	5	5½	...	5	...	...
[illegible]	21,000	1	15	4	15/	13	15/	...
Mel. Trams	80,000	1	10	...	16/	...	...	...
M. de Piete	74,144	1	1	8	32/	32/	...	8
Mort's Idk.	150,000	1	1	...	17/	...	17/	...
Ditto Pref.	47,591	1	1	...	19/3	18/	19/6	...
N.S.W. Food, Ice	146,114	1	18/	...	5/3	4/1	5/	...
Shale and Oil	90,000	1	16/	...	14	...	...	...
New York and B. Tob.	15,000	1	1	10	22/	21/	22/	9¼
Prim. Trust	25,500	7	2½	6	2/	2	2/3	7¼
Perp. Trus.	20,000	10	5	10	9/	8/9	9/6	5¼
Richardson & Wrench	60,000	1	1	5	...	...	12/3	8¼
Syd. Trams	107,000	1	1	...	56/	55/	60/	...
Syd. Exch.	20,000	10	10	6	12/6	12	13	5
Syd. Hyd.	5,000	1	1	10	34/	34/3	35	6
Ditto	87,500	1	10	10	18/3	18/9	...	5¼
Syd. Hyd. & G. E.	15,500	...	...	10	16/6	18/	21/	5¾
Vol. Land Ord	...	...	...	...	160	...	150	...
Hall's Mem. Armay	12,000	1	...	10	20/9	...	22/	...
A. Mutoscope	5,000	10	...	...	...	...	...	...
LAND & BD.								
A. Mut. Dep.	...	...	...	...	44	...	...	...
Exec's. Dep.	...	...	...	...	7/3	...	...	...
Fed. B. Dep.	...	...	...	...	14/	...	...	...
[illegible] D.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. Shares	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...
Ind. Prov.	47,500	2	20	6	...	...	...	...
Inves. Pv.	33,050	1	15	7	13/	14/	...	7½
Sy. Pm. Land	...	...	...	...	3/3	...	...	...
Syd. & S. Dep.	...	...	...	...	7/	...	...	...

* Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one.

On the London Stock Exchange on January 23 Australian bank deposits were quoted as follows:—

Australian Joint Stock Bank, "A" series, buyer 12s 6d, seller 12s 6d; "B" series, buyer 11s 6d, seller 12s; Commercial Bank of Australia, "A" series, buyer 18s, seller 2s 6d; Commercial Bank of Australia, 4 per cent. pref., £10 fully paid, buyer [illegible], seller 81s; ditto Special Assets Trust Company, Limited, deposit receipt, buyer 13s, seller 13s 6d; English, Scottish, and Australian Bank Terminable Deposits, buyer [illegible] 6d; Inscribed Stock, prefer., buyer 11s 6d; ditto deferred, buyer 14s 6d; Debentures 4 per cent., buyer [illegible]; London Bank of Australia Deposits, buyer 12s, seller 21s; Queensland National Bank Inscribed Stock, buyer 9s 6d, seller 10s.

The eighth half-yearly report of the Mort's Dock and Engineering Company shows that after covering all working expenses and depreciation and making provision for contingencies, and inclusive of £5805 brought forward, there was a balance at credit of profit and loss account aggregating £8664, out of which it was proposed to pay a dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, absorbing £6000, and to leave a balance of £2664 to be carried forward. The appeal to the Full Court in a recent action against the company had resulted in a verdict which the directors think fully justified them in cancelling the contract, but the contractor is appealing to the Privy Council against the ruling of the Full Court.

The twenty-eighth half-yearly report of the Sydney and Suburban Hydraulic Power Company was held to-day under the presidency of the Hon. A. W. Meeks, M.L.C. The report, of which we have given the principal features was, after explanation and amplification by the chairman, unanimously adopted, carrying payment of a dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum. The Hon. A. W. Meeks and Mr. Henry Andrews were re-elected directors, and Messrs. H. D. Vane and J. E. Bowes, at the previous rate of remuneration, were again chosen as auditors, the proceedings terminating with a vote of thanks to the board and officers. At a special meeting held afterwards a resolution was carried to the effect that the articles of association should be so amended as that in future the number of directors shall be not less than five and not more than seven.

The Sydney Hydraulic Engineering Company held a half-yearly meeting to-day with the Hon. A. W. Meeks in the chair, and adopted the directors' proposal to pay a dividend of 6d per share, the proceedings terminating with a vote of thanks to the management.

From the report of the Union Bank of Australia we gather that, in addition to the appropriation from the amount at credit of profit and loss as given in our cable news, £4000 was appropriated as a contribution in aid of the pension fund of the bank's staff. The actual amount of profit was £97,931, as compared with £96,714 in the previous year, and £95,682 in the corresponding period of 1900. The appropriations were to reserve £50,000, reducing the contingent reserve from £100,000 to £50,000, the ordinary reserve being thereby increased from £900,000 to £950,000; to pension fund £4000, and to payment of a dividend at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum, equal to £1 per share, which will absorb £60,000, and leave £20,144 to be carried forward. Since the previous meeting branches of the bank had been opened at Dannevirke, New Plymouth, and Wanganui in New Zealand.

At the half-yearly meeting of the New South Wales Fresh Food and Ice Company held to-day, Mr. Laidley Mort occupied the chair. The report, of which we have already given the main features, was unanimously adopted. Mr. Laidley Mort was re-elected a director. Mr. James M. Sandy was elected a director in the room of Captain John Broomfield, resigned. Mr. F. Willis, C.A.A., was elected an auditor.

The prospectus of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works 4 per cent. loan of £1,137,000 shows that the debentures will have a currency of 42 years. All but £399,745 of the amount required for new works is to redeem obligations. After the present issue, which is being made at par, the borrowing power of the board, amounting in the aggregate to £7,000,000, will be exhausted, except as to a sum of £506,674.

We have frequently called attention to the illusory character of the British Board of Trade figures as measuring the volume of the trade of the United Kingdom. Where prices vary from month to month, and from year to year, it cannot be said that the actual values of, say, the import trade of 1902, given as £528,860,000, as compared with £521,990,000 in 1901, only shows an increase of 1·3 per cent. At the prices of 1901, according to the "Statist," the aggregate in 1902 would be £538,238,000, or 3·1 per cent. in excess of the volume of the imports in 1901. Similarly, the actual exports of British and Irish produce in 1902, amounting to £283,540,000, would be increased to £297,823,000 as compared with £280,022,000 in 1901. The increase in volume instead of being 1·2 per cent. would be 6·3 per cent. These are ratios of increase much more satisfactory than the mere sterling figures would represent. They are given on the basis of the actual comparison of half the articles of import duly analysed—that being taken as adequate to present the position. According to our contemporary, imports did not fall relatively so much as exports, and in consequence the changes in prices told rather against than for the mother country, and in favour of that of the nations and peoples with whom she traded. The excess of imports into over exports from the United Kingdom grows from year to year. Going over a few years, the movement is very striking:—

	Net Imports. Million £'s.	Exports. Million £'s.	Excess of Imports. Million £'s.
1886-90...	£327	£236	£91
1891	373	247	126
1892	363	227	136
1893	346	218	128
1894	350	216	134
1895	357	226	131
1896	384	240	145
1897	391	234	157
1898	409	233	176
1899	420	255*	165*
1900	460	282*	178*
1901	454	271*	183*
1902	463	278*	185*

* Excluding exports of new ships, not given in earlier years.

The earlier five years of the table may be taken as representing a more vigorous outflow of capital than occurred in the later ones.

It is remarkable how steadily and yet rapidly the consumption of gas in the United Kingdom is extending. The annual public return to 1901 shows that the business of the public companies continue to grow more rapidly than that of the local authorities. In that year the companies carbonised 8,590,365 tons of coal, an increase for the year of 153,512 tons, while the local authorities carbonised but 5,622,264 tons, an increase of but 42,829 tons. It is noteworthy, however, that the number of customers with the companies, aggregating 2,048,359, was more by 102,534 only, as compared with an increase of 105,169 with the local authorities. Evidently the customers of the companies are larger consumers than those of the local authorities. The companies appear to obtain the better results, getting 11,350ft. of gas per ton of coal, against only 10,738ft. per ton by the corporations. More water gas is being used by both companies and local authorities. Necessarily the capital employed in the business grows with the extension of the business, and to a total of £102,924,220 in 1900 an addition of £6,099,000, or about 6 per cent., was made in a year, indicating that the consumption of gaslight is growing much faster than the ratio of the increase of population. Doubtless day consumption for cooking is being largely cultivated. Owing probably to the high prices of coal, the net earnings of both companies and local authorities had considerably declined within three years—those of the companies from £4,631,523 to £3,417,390, while the surplus profit of the local authorities had declined from £663,189 to £409,802. Since in nine years the number of consumers had increased by 62 per cent., and the quantities consumed by 36 per cent., as against a growth of about 10 per cent. in the population, it will be seen how greatly the use of gas is growing. The fact of the increase in the number of consumers being twice as great as that of the quantity is doubtless explained by the large number of penny-in-the-slot meters provided by the companies and local authorities.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat ruled firm and steady. 100 tons of choice milling Californian sold at equal to 5s 7d, duty paid. Manitoba flour was in keen demand, ex vessels nearly due, at £13 to £13s 5s, according to size of parcel. Local flour remained at £12 10s.

As showing the state of the wheat market in the Eastern States of America, the following despatch, date Chicago, January 22, is of interest:—"Amid the wildest excitement that has been witnessed on the Board of Trade in months, May wheat this afternoon sold up to 81⅞ cents, an advance of 1½ cents over the close yesterday. This was reached with the traders, large and small, wrought to the highest pitch of excitement. J. Ogden Armour's manipulation of his option is responsible for the steady advance, and there are some who already see a 90-cent figure looming up. With the purchase to-day of 4,000,000 bushels of May option, Armour completed a line of 20,000,000 bushels, which practically gives him control and places all traders at his mercy. This wheat is bought in Chicago, New York, and throughout the markets of the North-west. Armour's profit, were he to unload his holdings now, would be 1,800,000dol. He can force the price up so that his profit will be from 3,000,000dol. to 5,000,000dol. Armour began buying at 75 cents. The price has advanced steadily. Armour began buying to-day at 80⅝ cents, and the bulk of the 4,000,000 bushels he took to-day was at that figure. Shorts all over the country are trembling lest this king of the wheat pit should unload at a high price while he is trading in the open. Some expect to see the figure go as high as 95 cents. The situation is felt all over the world. Foreign markets are higher, following the local advance, and the situation in every direction is bullish."

IMPORT MARKET.

Quietness continued to be the predominant characteristic of trade in the Import market. All branches were alike lifeless, and in the absence of speculative activity there were scarcely any fluctuations in prices. Even when cables are received indicating advances in prices in markets abroad these appear to have little or no effect locally. Holders, however, feel that they would do no more business by endeavouring to meet the market by reducing prices, and in consequence they remain firm, and do but little.

Some interesting points as to the effect of the curtailed trade in Australia on the world's freight market appear in Messrs. Angier Brothers' annual review for 1902, which states:—"Steamers employed in trading with the various great markets east of Suez have been obliged this year to accept some very poor freights, which must in some instances have been barely sufficient to cover outgoings. The lowness of rates may be ascribed mainly to a superabundance of tonnage, a cause of trouble in every direction, but also to the long continuance of drought in Australia, which reduced almost to vanishing point the employment offered thence for tramp tonnage. But though Australia is passing through a grievous time, New Zealand is blessed with a great plenty, and has been able to afford her sister colonies substantial relief, and even then to have so much surplus as to justify her Government in subsidising a line to South Africa for the conveyance of her produce. In the long trades, moreover, in which sailers still make a good fight with steam, the reckless manner in which is conducted the payment of subsidies to the owners of ships under the French flag leads their owners to accept almost any rate the merchants may offer so that delay in port may be avoided. It is reported that the subsidies alone are sufficient to cover the expense of a run, say, out and home to the Pacific coast of North America, leaving the freight as profit. Such competition in a time of poor trade naturally reflects on steamships—directly, in altogether shutting against them some trades in which they only occasionally share (such as San Francisco to United Kingdom and Continent)—by placing rates at a level which means losses so hideous as to scare even the most sanguine owners; indirectly, by leading sailers to accept rates so low as to induce the transfer to them of business usually effected by steamers. The export trade in coal to the Far East affords an instance of the latter. Fine French sailing vessels of 3000 to 4000 tons cargo will take coals, &c., from the United Kingdom to Japan at many shillings under the steamers' living wage, and prudent merchants whose stocks are well planned set off the advantages of a steamer, which performs the voyage in a much shorter time, but which must be loaded and discharged practically as rapidly as possible, against the sailer, the date of whose arrival is uncertain, but which may be handled in port in a far more leisurely fashion."

Tea.—Privately business was not very active partly due to the slackness of the demand and partly to the general indisposition of holders to take current market rates in view of the great strength of the market in producing centres. A cable received from Colombo to-day states:—"Market booming, withdraw all teas." The recipient of this message characterised it as the strongest he had ever received during a long experience in the tea trade. Fifty chests of Ceylon broken pekoes sold at 10½d to 13d per lb. A private letter from Colombo received from to-day's mail states:—"We have ceased to buy at the extravagant prices ruling at this end. Owing to the high prices ruling here shipments to Australia are sure to be very much curtailed, especially as there are good orders on hand for other markets, and the amount still available is very small, consequently prices are bound to keep up for some time."

Messrs. H. W. Carey and Co. will offer to-morrow (Friday) at 18 Bridge-street 485 packages of Ceylon teas on account of Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., Gollin and Co. Proprietary, Limited, and Brown and Co., and 210 Indians on account of Messrs. Deacon and Co.

Sugar.—A quiet tone prevailed without quotable change in prices. The International Union for Sugar Statistics estimates the shrinkage in the production of beet sugar in various European countries for the present campaign as against its predecessor, as follows:—Germany, 25·7 per cent.; Austria-Hungary, 17·9 per cent.; France, 26·1 per cent.; Belgium, 39·1 per cent.; Holland, 51·8 per cent.; Sweden, 42·6 per cent.; and Denmark, 37 per cent. The only country showing an increase is Russia, which promises to produce 10 per cent. more than last year. These figures partly explain the recent series of sharp advances as indicated in our weekly cables.

Groceries.—Tinned fish continued to sell freely at full market rates. The following sales of Union meats were reported:—200 cases of sheep's tongues, 350 cases of 1lb. luncheon beef, 100 cases 2lb. corned beef, 50 cases 2lb. ox tongues, and 150 cases of 1lb. oval sausages at market rates.

Liquors.—Steady sales in small parcels on the basis of late rates were alone reported.

Metals.—Black fencing wire sold in small lots at £8 5s to £8 7s 6d for No. 8 and £3 10s to £3 12s 6d for No. 10.

Jute Goods.—Forty bales of branbags sold for export to Tasmania at 3s 7d to 3s 7½d. Cornsacks were dull and nominal at 4s 6d. Woolpacks ruled firm.

The Customs revenue received to-day amounted to £12,208. The principal items were:—Stimulants, £1675; narcotics, £542; sugar, £25; agricultural products and groceries, £2151; apparel and textiles, £440; metals and machinery, £3147; oils, paints, and varnishes, £39; earthenware, cement, &c., £190; drugs and chemicals, £36; wood, wicker, and cane, £44; jewellery and fancy goods, £22; paper and stationery, £28; vehicles, £128; miscellaneous, £74; harbour and light dues, £29; pilotage, £93; excise on spirits, £348; excise on tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £1800; excise on beer, £2222; excise on starch, £18.

EXPORT MARKET.

London Tallow Sales.—At Wednesday's auction of Australasian tallow at the Baltic Rooms there was a larger supply with practically no sales at reduced prices. Prices were as follow:—Fine mutton, 9d lower, at 31s 6d; medium mutton, 6d lower, at 32s; fine beef, 3d lower, at 35s 3d; medium beef, 3d lower, at 31s 3d. The following comparison shows recent auction business:—

	Offered Casks.	Sold Casks.	Med. Mutton. Per cwt.	Med. Beef. Per cwt.
Dec. 17...	650	228	35s 6d	31s 6d
Jan. 7	1025	500	35s 6d	31s 9d
Jan. 14	602	297	33s 6d	31s 6d
Jan. 21	1225	625	32s 6d	31s 6d
Jan. 28	975	525	32s 6d	31s 6d
Feb. 4	609	119	32s 6d	31s 6d
Feb. 11	472	78	32s 6d	31s 6d
Feb. 18	712	322	32s 6d	31s 6d
Feb. 25	900	43	32s 6d	31s 3d

London Leather Market.—Messrs. Boutcher, Mortimore, and Co. report from London under date January 29:—"There is an improved demand for English butts and bends, and quotations are firm. English shoulders are in rather better request. Australian sides are saleable at current rates, and stocks are small. Shaved hides and dressing hides are not much inquired for, but there is a good demand for calfskins."

Wool Receipts (Thursday).—By rail 483 bales, coastwise 232 bales.

LONDON WOOL MARKET.

LONDON, Jan. 23.

The first series of colonial wool auctions for the year opened here on January 20, with three catalogues comprising 9611 bales.

There was a very full attendance of both home and foreign buyers.

Biddings began cautiously, but ultimately developed into keen competition, more especially when crossbred sorts were reached.

Australian merino descriptions ruled par to 5 per cent. over previous series' closing rates. Fine and medium crossbreds advanced 5 per cent., and coarse sorts were 10 per cent. better. Competition was very general, but the home trade took the larger proportion of the offerings, the wools catalogued being more of their class, whilst Germany and France were by no means indifferent. The United States was also moderately active.

The first day's catalogues comprised some good clips from Western Australia, and met a good demand from home buyers at prices which the owners will be well satisfied with.

Later sales indicate increased animation and more general competition, and with larger shows of fine wools, both home and French account strove for mastery. There was an excellent display of South Australian sound combing greasies, 12½d being reached for the best, whilst Victorian greasy touched 14d per lb. A very good lot of Queensland scoured went for 2s 9½d. These are all high figures, but the market is strong, and proportionately good wools are rather scarce, which may lead to a further advance for choice sorts.

The impress of the drought is seen on every hand, the preponderance of wasty, poor grown wools, but the tale is best told in the lambswool, most of these already appearing being of lean and poor growth. This fact becoming more apparent will place a premium upon all good quality and well-grown parcels.

Pieces and broken in the grease realise very full rates, some making quite as much as the best lots in the fleece.

At a sale of Australian sheepskins held yesterday, comprising 5321 bales, the attendance of buyers was good, and competition fairly active. Merinos found a ready sale at previous auction rates. Crossbreds were generally ½d to ¼d per lb. cheaper, the supply of the latter being larger than the demand, hence the slight reaction.

Markets in manufacturers' areas are somewhat dull, and although crossbred topmakers have put up their prices to protect themselves in view of the higher rates in London, there is as yet no response on the part of buyers to anticipate their early requirements. At the same time values for all descriptions are very strong. Cloth manufacturers are well employed, and low grade material holds the ground for the present, and warrants the firm tone for these sorts at the London auctions.

Annexed are particulars of some leading brands sold and prices realised.

New South Wales Wools.—Ennonyhareenyha, greasy super combing at 1s 0½d, 10½d, greasy first combing at 1od, 9½, greasy at 8½d, greasy necks at 10½d, greasy broken at 9½d, greasy super comeback at 1s, 11½d, 10½d, greasy first comeback at 10½d, greasy lambs comeback at 8d, 7½d, greasy necks comeback at 10½d; Pails in square, greasy first combing at 11d, 10½d, 10d, greasy broken at 10½d, 10d; Kulkyne, greasy super combing at 11½d, 11d, greasy first combing at 10d, greasy broken at 10½d, greasy first pieces at 9½d, greasy bellies at 8½d; D & Co. over Deepwater, greasy A at 10d, 9½d, 8½d, greasy B at 10d, greasy C at 9½d, greasy first pieces at 10d; Co. over AA over A, greasy super combing at 1s, greasy first combing at 1s, 11d, greasy second combing at 10½d, greasy first clothing at 11d, greasy broken at 9d, greasy skirts at 8½d, 7½d; Wilga over Downs, greasy first at 9d, greasy second at 8d, greasy first pieces at 8½d, greasy second pieces at 3½d; Newcomen over Angledool, greasy first combing at 10d, 9d, greasy second combing at 10d, 9d, greasy first clothing at 9½d, 8½d, greasy broken at 10d, 9½d, 9d, greasy first pieces at 8½d, 8d, greasy first lambs at 8½d, greasy second lambs at 6½d; O B over X over Dunumbral, greasy A combing at 1s 0½d, 1s, 11½d, greasy B combing at 11d, greasy necks at 11d, greasy A pieces at 10½d, 10d, 9½d; Billabong over BBC, greasy combing at 1s, 11½d, 11d, 10d, greasy clothing at 10½d, 9½d, greasy broken at 10d, greasy pieces at 9½d; A. Tolin and Sons over Wingadee, scoured super combing at 1s 11½d, 1s 10½d, 1s 10d, scoured first combing at 1s 7½d, 1s 7d, scoured pieces at 1s 5d, 1s 4½d, scoured locks at 11d, 10½d; MB in diamond over Nepean, scoured first combing at 1s 8d, scoured second combing at 1s 4½d, 1s 4d, scoured super clothing at 1s 5d, scoured pieces at 11½d.

Queensland Wools.—Widgeegoara, scoured combing at 1s 7d, scoured first clothing at 1s 7d, scoured first lambs at 1s 4½d, scoured first pieces at 1s 4d, scoured bellies at 1s 1d; — over Avo, scoured first clothing at 1s 7d, scoured second clothing at 1s 7d, scoured first pieces at 1s 4d, 1s 3½d, scoured second pieces at 1s 2d, scoured bellies at 1s 1d; Jimbour, greasy first combing at 10½d, greasy second combing at 10d, greasy AA at 10d, greasy A at 9½d, greasy necks at 10d, greasy first pieces at 9½d, greasy first crossbred at 10d, greasy second crossbred at 9½d; E, scoured A at 1s 8½d, scoured B at 1s 7d, 1s 6½d, scoured C at 1s 7½d, scoured necks at 1s 6½d, scoured first pieces at 1s 6½d, 1s 6d, scoured second pieces at 1s 4½d, scoured crossbred at 1s 2½d, 1s 2d; Warnambool over Downs, greasy first combing at 10d, greasy second combing at 9d, greasy first clothing at 8½d, greasy super lambs at 10d, greasy first lambs at 8½d, greasy second lambs at 8½d, greasy necks at 11d, greasy first pieces at 9½d, greasy second pieces at 10d.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

SILVER.

LONDON, Feb. 25.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 1s 10 5-16d per ounce standard.

THE TALLOW SALES.

At the weekly auctions of Australasian tallow to-day 900 casks were offered and 43 casks were sold. Prices were as follow:—Fine mutton 34s 6d, medium mutton 32s; fine beef 35s 3d, medium beef 31s 3d.

Feb. 26.

METALS.

Copper on spot is quoted at 59⅞—a rise of ⅝; and three months at 59⅞—a rise of ⅞.

Tin.—Spot, 134½—a rise of 1; and three months at 135⅞—a rise of 1½.

Pig iron, 56s—a rise of 1s 5d per ton.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Wheat was rather weaker to-day under the influence of offerings of Argentine cargoes. For small lots 3s 8½d was obtained, while less money is now offered by millers. Other lines are unchanged. Potatoes are worth £3 15s to £4, and onions £4 5s to £4 15s. Fair sales of New Zealand oatmeal have taken place at £18 5s. Lower prices are expected soon, as this season's crop has been harvested. Butter is firmer in consequence of the rise in Western Victoria. The first of the new season's New Zealand cheese is at hand, and the quality is good. Eggs to-day sold up to 16d, which is about the maximum price ever reached at auction. There is an active demand from both the east and west. Almond kernels have sold, likewise five tons of dried apricots.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

On the Stock Exchange to-day sales were Victoria 3 per cent. debentures (1921-1930), £92; Victoria Bank, ordinary shares 45s, and pref. £10 7s; London Bank deposit receipts, 19s 6d; Silverton Tram, 55s, 56s 6d; B. H. Water Supply, 19s; Colonial Sugar Company, £38 15s.

Wheat is inactive. South Australian, 6s 1d; soft Victorian, 6s; bran, 1s 4½d; pollard, 1s 9d to 1s 9½d. Algerian oats are quiet at 2s 8d to 3s; stout white oats, 3s 1d to 3s 2d. Maize is scarce at 5s 6d. Chaff is in heavy supply. Oaten, £5 to £5 5s; wheaten scarce, up to £5 10s. Straw chaff irregular, £2 15s to £3 5s. Potatoes are dull at £2 to £3; onions, £2 10s to £3.

Business in tea covers 300 packages Ceylon, 7d to 11d; 130 chests Indian, up to 8½d; 80 chests Indian, 8½d to 1s 1d; and 300 packages Indian to arrive. Cornsacks are steady at 4s 7d. Branbags are 3s 7½d to 3s 8d. Fair business was done in fencing wire and wire netting.

DAIRY NEWS.

PAMBULA, Thursday.

The Rocky Hall Co-operative Dairy Company's report for the past year shows that the output is over 20 tons in excess of that of the preceding year. Suppliers have averaged 10d per lb. net for butter throughout.

PRODUCE INWARD.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The steamer Age sailed to-day for Sydney with 1860 bags chaff, 200 bags wheat, 10 cases jam, and 25 cases fruit.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—Thursday.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

No improvement occurred in business, which continued on the recent restricted scale in nearly all departments. Supplies under offer were, with one or two exceptions, ample for requirements. Apart from a slight rise in potatoes and lucerne hay, movements in prices were few and of little moment. No change transpired in maize, the inquiry being slow at late rates. Oats were plentiful and dull of sale up to 3s for prime feed samples. Other seed lines were more or less neglected. Both bran and pollard were quiet at late closing values. A steady sale was noted for imported chaff at prices much the same as those ruling on the previous day. Owing to scarcity, coupled with the continued dry weather, a further improvement occurred in lucerne hay, sales being good at higher rates. Both straw and oaten hay remained scarce and dear. Potatoes were dearer and in request up to 80s for choice Circulars. Onions were plentiful and in steady request. In dairy produce trade was rather quiet in most lines. As compared with yesterday, movements in prices were few and of little moment.

Wholesale quotations were:—

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Bacon and Hams.—Quiet. Hand-cured, prime 10d to 10½d, flitches 10d to 10½d, middles 11d to 1s 1d. Victorian: 10d. York Castle mild-cured brands, sides 11d, flitches 11d, middles 1s 1d; Clarence, sides 11½d; "A" in circle, sides 11d; Bodalla, sides 11d, flitches 11d, and middles 1s 0½d; Eclipse, sides 11d, middles 1s 1d; Hicks', sides 11½d, flitches 11½d; Waratah, 11½d. Hams: Local hams in cloth, 1s, small weights to 1s 1d; New Zealand, 1s 1d; Pineapple, 1s 2d; York Castle, 1s 1d; Eclipse, 1s 1d; Bodalla, 1s 1d; English, 1s 1d lb.

Butter.—Market steady. Pasteurised 1s 1½d; best factory 1s 1d, a few choice brands ½d extra, good 12½d, inferior 11½d.

Cheese.—Market firm. Local, choice 7d to 7½d, special brands 7½d, medium 6½d to 6¾d, large choice to 7d, medium to 6½d; Kameruka Cheddar 7½d, Bodalla 7½d lb.

Eggs.—Local: Northern eggs, 1s 3d to 1s 4d; South, 1s 4d to 1s 5d. Adelaide: 1s 3d to 1s 4d. Suburban newlaid eggs, 1s 7d to 1s 9d doz.

FEED GRAIN MARKET.

Barley.—Prime Cape feed 4s 5d to 4s 7d, malting 4s 9d to 5s 3d bus.

Maize.—Local: New, 5s. Argentine quoted up to 5s bus.

Peas.—Grey 4s 6d to 4s 9d, blue 6s 6d to 6s 9d bus.

Chickwheat.—Local: 5s 8d to 5s 10d. Adelaide: 5s 10½d to 5s 11d. New Zealand: 5s 9d bus.

Oats.—Cheaper. Prices irregular. Feed: Tasmanian, to 2s 4d, prime 3s; New Zealand, prime 3s, good to 2s 11d, inferior and lack from 2s 7d; choice seed 3s 9d to 3s 10d, milling 3s 3d bus.; local nominal.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Bran was quoted at 1s 3d to 1s 3½d and pollard at 1s 7d bus.

FORAGE MARKET.

Oaten Hay.—Local: Prime £6 10s to £7 2s 6d, medium to £6, inferior to £4 15s. Victorian: Prime manger, £7; derrick, £6 ton.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: Wharf, £5 to £5 10s, extra choice £5 15s. Railway: Small bales choice medium £5 12s 6d; trusses, prime £5 17s 6d, large bales good £5 7s 6d ton.

Chaff.—Local: Choice to £6 15s, medium £6 2s 6d, inferior from £4 15s. Adelaide: £6 to £6 7s 6d. Victorian: £5 15s to £6 5s. Tasmanian: Prime oaten, £5 10s to £6 ton.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed: Tasmanian, £4 ton. Local: Nominal.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Local: Railway, good seed Brownells to £7, Early Rose to £7. Tasmanian: Circulars £3 10s, choice £3 15s to £4, Warrnambools, £3 5s ton.

WOOD MARKET.

Best foot wood 11s to 12s 6d, good 8s to 10s, inferior from 7s; bundles 10s to 11s; bakers' split, 9s to 10s, inferior 8s to 9s; large bakers' 7s 6d to 8s ton.

POULTRY.

River poultry: Fowls, 2s 9d, choice 3s to 3s 6d; roosters, ordinary 3s 6d to 4s, choice heavy to 4s 6d; English river ducks, 2s 3d to 3s 3d; Muscovy ducks, river 3s 6d to 4s 6d, drakes 4s to 4s 6d; geese, 4s to 5s; turkeys, gobblers 14s to 20s, choice to 22s 6d, hens 7s to 9s; guinea fowls, 4s to 4s 6d pair.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Onions.—Victorian: Portarlington, prime £4 to £4 5s ton.

Beeswax.—1s 1d lb.

Honey.—Choice 2½d to 2¾d, good to 2d, inferior 1½d, for tins containing 60lb.

Lard.—Bladder 8½d to 9d, bulk 7½d to 8d lb.; American 8d to 8¼d lb. by 28lb. bucket.

Turnips.—Tasmanian, nominal.

REDFERN SALE.

At the Redfern markets this morning only a moderate supply of produce was forward for sale. There was a good attendance of buyers, who operated with a considerable amount of freedom in most lines. Lucerne hay and straw ruled a trifle dearer, while other items underwent no change. A good medium sample of local chaff found a purchaser at 6s 2d a cwt. Inferior chickwheat had attention at the satisfactory price of 5s 7d a bushel. Owing to continued scarcity lucerne hay had ready sale at further advanced rates. Good quality in small bales realised 5s 8d, prime in trusses 5s 11d, and good in large bales 5s 4d cwt. Prime seed potatoes made to 7s, and table sorts from 5s 3d a cwt. Prime straw in derrick bales brought 4s 3d a cwt. Extra choice large watermelons sold at 10s, and good at 5s 9d a doz. Pumpkins commanded ready sale at from 8d to 5s 7d a doz., according to size and sample.

The offerings comprised 2 truckloads chaff, 1 chickwheat, 3 lucerne, 3 potatoes, 3 pumpkins, 1 watermelons, 1 rye straw, 2 wheaten straw.

Among the consignees were:—Messrs. Dent and Perry, G. Wells and Matthews, Sheppard, Harvey, and Walker, Ellis and Co., J. Bridge and Co., H. M. Sutter and Co., Farmers and Settlers' Co-operative Society, H. Prescott and Co., and J. W. Gray and Co.

Supplies were disposed of as follow:—

Chaff.—From A. A. Pagan and Co., Corowa, (4258) 6s 2d cwt.; Rogers and Hutcheson, Glen Innes, (11562) passed.

Rye Straw.—From A. Keeners, Albion Park, (5387) passed.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed: From Robson, Newcastle, (11044) 4s 3d cwt., (5821) passed.

Lucerne.—From Long, Nemingha, (truck No. 11094) 5s 8d; J. A. Graham, Nowra, (11622) 5s 4d; G. Bowman, Windsor (1860) 5s 11d cwt.

Potatoes.—From Howell, (3876) 12 bags branded J 7s, 19 X 5s 3d; [illegible] 25 D J 4s 10d, 6 E 4s 9d; Yass [illegible] 74 bags [illegible] 4s 6d cwt.

Watermelons.—From Child, Penrith, (10082) 10s and 5s 9d. Vine pumpkins 4s doz.

Chickwheat.—From Wise Brothers, Narrandera, (6712) 5s 7d bushel, 30 bags screenings passed.

Pumpkins.—From H. Hellier, Penrith, (8214) 4s 3d and 8d, J. M'Phee 4s 4d, J. Cupitt, Richmond, (7350) 5s 2d, E. Scott (4104) 4s 6d and 5s 7d, M. Walters 5s 4d doz.

FRUIT MARKETS.

Fair supplies of most varieties of seasonable fruits were under offer at the various metropolitan markets this morning. Business continued steady in all lines at prices much the same as those ruling for some days past.

Current quotations were:—

Bananas.—Fiji, 1s 6d to 3s bunch, 8s to 9s case; Queensland, 9d to 2s 6d bunch, 6s to 7s case.

Passionfruit.—Prime to 7s, good to 5s 6d, inferior from 2s 6d gin-case, choice 4s half-case.

Apples.—Tasmanian best quoted to 7s, local Fannies 5s to 7s 6d; Trivett's 2s to 3s 6d, good to 5s 6d, choice to 7s; Granny Smiths 1s 6d to 5s gin-case, choicest 3s 6d half-case; cooking, 3s to 4s 6d; jam apples, 1s 6d gin-case.

Lemons.—Small to 6s, medium to 7s, good to 8s, choice to 9s gin-case; Italian, 7s to 10s half-case, 6s double case; American 16s to 17s double case.

Plums.—Victorian, green gage 5s 6d quarter-case.

Watermelons.—Local: 1s to 2s, good to 4s, prime to 7s, extra large to 8s doz.; rockmelons (local) 2s to 3s gin-case.

Tomatoes.—Local 1s, good to 3s, choice to 4s half-case.

Pineapples.—Queens, 5s to 5s 6d; common, 4s 6d to 5s 6d case.

Peaches.—Red 2s 6d, good to 4s, choice to 7s gin-case, choicest 4s to 5s; choice slipstones 5s to 6s; medium to 4s half-case; jam peaches, 2s to 3s 6d; slipstones, 4s 6d to 5s gin-case.

Cocoanuts.—Choice 11s bag.

Quinces.—2s 6d to 3s, choice 3s 6d to 4s gin-case.

Pears.—Local, 2s to 3s 6d gin-case; Melbourne Williams, 4s to 5s, choice to 6s; Gansell Bergamots, 3s to 4s, good to 5s 6d, choice to 7s packer.

Grapes.—Sweet Water, 2s to 4s; black Hamburg, small 2s to 2s 3d, good 2s 6d to 3s, choice to 4s box; Muscatels, 1½d to 2d, good 2½d, choice 3d to 4d lb.; Adelaide white muscatels 6s, black 7s case.

Oranges.—American, 17s case; Italian, 8s to 9s box of 150.

Persimmons.—3s to 5s half-case.

Pomegranates.—5s to 6s half-case.

VEGETABLE MARKET.

At the Belmore markets this morning a fair supply of vegetables was under offer. Business in all lines continued good, the chief movement in prices being a rise in cabbages.

Local cabbage 2s 6d, good 4s 6d, choice to 6s doz.; horse-radish, 1s lb.; mint, 1s; beetroot, 9d to 1s; all herbs, 1s; plain spinach 6d, English 10d; eschalots, 1s; white turnips, 9d to 1s 1d; rhubarb, 1s 6d to 2s 6d; celery, table 2s to 3s; watercress, 2s; radishes, 4d to 9d; carrots, 10d to 1s; greenstuff, 4d; horse carrots, 4d; parsley, 1s; lettuce, 8d to 10d; parsnips, 1s to 1s 3d; carrots, 10d to 1s doz. bunches; green peas, 4s to 5s; French beans, 2s 6d to 3s 6d bus.; tomatoes, 1s to 2s quarter-case; chillies, 7s bus.; Early Rose potatoes 5s, Circulars 5s, Brownells 5s cwt.; vegetable marrows, 1s to 2s; swede turnips, 1s 3d to 1s 9d dozen bunches, and 4s to 5s cwt.; pumpkins, 1s 6d to 3s, special large sorts to 8s doz.; watermelons, 1s to 2s, good to 3s 6d, choice large 5s doz.

STOCK TRUCKINGS.

The following truckings were ordered up to 5 p.m. on Thursday:—For March 2: 148 sheep vans and 38 cattle waggons. March 3: 183 sheep vans and 94 cattle waggons.

FAT STOCK SALES.

HOMEBUSH YARDS.—Thursday.

SHEEP.

About 18,500 sheep and lambs penned at to-day's sales, from 71 consignors. The sheep mainly comprised medium and useful merinos, with a sprinkling of prime, and occasional pens of extra prime; crossbreds were only moderately represented, principally fair to good, a few prime. There was a large attendance of trade buyers, with several graziers and dealers, and as the supply was barely equal to requirements the market opened very firm, with an occasional advance as the sales proceeded, especially for prime; biddings were brisk throughout, closing strong. Quotations:—Prime merino wethers 14s 6d to 16s; good merino wethers 12s 6d to 13s 6d, medium merino wethers 9s to 11s, inferior merino wethers 8s to 8s 6d; prime crossbred wethers 15s to 16s, good crossbred wethers 13s to 14s, medium crossbred wethers 9s to 11s; prime merino ewes 11s to 12s 6d, extra prime 14s to 15s 9d, good merino ewes 9s to 10s, medium merino ewes 7s to 8s, inferior and light 5s to 6s; prime crossbred ewes 14s to 15s, extra prime to 15s 9d, good crossbred ewes 12s to 13s, medium crossbred ewes 8s 6d to 9s 6d. Sales:—

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—29 ewes for T. Glover at 11s 9d, 66 at 13s 11d, 8 at 9s 6d; 40 crossbred ewes for Western agents at 15s 4d to 15s 9d, 157 wethers at 14s 11d, 74 at 17s 2d, 29 stags at 13s 7d; 90 crossbred wethers for Southern agents at 15s 5d, 54 crossbred wethers at 14s 11d, 510 wethers at 12s 7d to 12s 11d, 8 crossbred ewes at 13s 8d, 16 crossbred wethers at 12s 1d, 96 wethers at 11s 10d to 12s; 49 crossbred wethers for M. Shanley at 14s, 9 crossbreds at 11s 1d, 351 wethers at 10s 8d to 11s, 26 crossbreds at 10s, 82 wethers and ewes at 8s; 46 wethers for Christian Brothers at 12s 1d, 8 crossbred ewes at 12s, 11 ewes at 11s 7d; 104 ewes for — Glasson at 9s 3d.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—8 rams for Macrae and Mears at 18s, 82 crossbred wethers at 15s 10d, 62 wethers at 14s 2d, 89 at 13s 2d, 11 crossbred wethers at 13s 6d; 57 wethers for Southern agents at 13s 4d, 45 crossbred ewe hoggets at 12s 4d, 117 wethers at 12s 2d, 72 crossbred ewe hoggets at 11s 2d; 46 crossbred ewes for J. H. M'Intosh at 12s 11d, 68 wethers at 12s, 34 crossbred ewes at 11s 1d, 28 wethers at 10s 6d, 19 ewes at 8s 2d; 30 ewes for M. Clear at 8s 5d.

William Inglis and Son.—29 ewes for J. C. Everingham, 9s 1d.

Farmers and Settlers' Co-operative Society, Limited.—107 wethers for J. B. M'Kinlay at 11s to 11s 8d; 14 wethers for J. M'Clymont at 16s 4d, 39 at 14s 8d, 102 at 10s 8d to 11s 10d, 9 ewes at 10s 9d, 25 hoggets at 12s 6d; 20 crossbred wethers for J. Hoadley at 14s 5d, 25 at 12s 11d, 45 at 12s 10d; 25 wethers for D. Morris at 7s 11d, 25 at 7s 9d, 48 at 7s 8d.

J. C. Young and Co.—388 wethers for J. H. Lees at 12s 8d to 12s 11d, 120 at 11s 8d; 161 ewes for W. Crisp at 6s 8d, 68 at 5s, 29 wethers at 10s 10d; 82 ewes for J. Wilson at 11s, 226 at 9s 3d.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—275 wethers for M. A. Bolger at 16s, 185 at 14s 1d; 4 comebacks for J. Rutherford at 16s, 104 wethers at 14s 5d, 106 at 13s; 138 wethers for Cosgrove at 14s 4d; 74 wethers for Hilder and Co. at 11s 2d, 383 at 10s 9d to 10s 11d, 244 at 9s 6d; 371 wethers for P. A. Lamb at 11s 2d to 11s 6d, 112 at 9s 8d to 10s 3d, 17 ewes and wethers at 8s 7d; 26 crossbred ewes for A. M'Donald at 12s 10d, 11 ewes at 11s 5d, 24 crossbred ewes at 10s 3d; 75 ewes for A. J. M'Innes at 11s 4d to 11s 5d, 6 at 10s 3d; 14 comebacks for F. C. Willis at 11s 3d, 56 wethers at 10s 9d, 14 ewes at 10s 4d; 19 crossbreds for W. G. Hayes, jun., at 11s 1d, 52 ewes at 9s, 68 at 8s 2d; 23 wethers for — Wright at 10s 7d; 189 wethers for G. A. Church at 10s 1d.

Maiden Brothers.—12 crossbred wethers for H. Marshall at 16s, 9 wethers at 10s 9d, 34 ewes at 8s 6d; 297 wethers for A. Ewen at 14s 8d to 15s, 716 at 13s 5d to 13s 6d, 201 at 11s 9d to 12s; 419 wethers for T. Cheney at 14s 8d, 45 ewes at 11s 8d, 31 at 9s; 43 crossbred ewes for E. Moran at 13s 11d to 14s 1d, 34 wethers at 12s 3d; 45 crossbred wethers for G. Clayton at 14s 7d to 14s 11d, 34 wethers at 11s 6d, 13 ewes at 10s; 580 wethers for C. Jones at 13s 7d; 144 wethers for Southern agents at 13s 3d, 107 at 12s 6d, 72 at 13s 1d, 68 at 11s 7d to 11s 8d; 94 wethers for A. and J. Armour at 12s 6d, 12 at 11s 8d, 104 ewes at 9s; 86 crossbred ewes for C. Brown at 12s 3d to 12s 4d, 20 (mixed) at 10s 4d; 151 crossbred ewes for F. Mendham at 12s 11d, 58 at 12s 5d; 309 wethers for J. Piper at 12s 2d, 64 at 11s 10d, 22 ewes at 11s 11d; 213 wethers for R. Morrison at 10s 9d to 11s 3d, 62 at 10s, 42 at 11s; 46 wethers for J. G. Duffy at 11s, 57 ewes at 7s 1d; 47 sheep for T. B. Hae at 12s 11d, 51 crossbred wethers at 11s 6d, 115 wethers at 12s 5d, 35 (mixed) at 11s; 68 wethers for T. A. Morrison at 10s 5d, 113 (mixed) at 9s 10d to 10s 2d; 48 crossbred ewes for F. Harrison at 11s 6d, 13 ewes at 7s 3d, 13 ewes for S. and J. Irwin at 10s; 105 wethers and hoggets for Western agents at 7s 2d, 75 ewes and hoggets at 8s, 16 (mixed) at 8s, 19 crossbred ewes at 10s; 255 ewes for Western agents at 7s 1d.

Wilkinson and Lavender.—90 rams for Southern agents at 11s 11d.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—12 crossbred wethers for Southern agents at 16s 9d, 10 wethers at 13s 9d, 27 crossbred wethers and ewes at 13s 5d, 13 crossbred ewes at 11s 2d; 107 wethers for A. A. Company at 15s 4d to 15s 6d, 61 stags at 15s, 602 wethers at 14s 7d; 58 crossbred wethers for J. Badgery at 15s 1d, 80 crossbred wethers and ewes at 13s 6d to 13s 7d; 14 wethers for G. Cotgrave at 15s 1d, 5 crossbred wethers and ewes at 15s, 33 ewes at 12s; 18 wethers for G. E. Faithfull at 16s 5d; 24 crossbred wethers and ewes for T. Wilson at 12s 11d, 35 wethers at 11s 11d, 7 crossbred wethers and ewes at 11s 1d, 16 ewes at 10s 3d; 29 wethers for J. Lloyd, sen., at 13s 8d, 85 ewes at 10s 6d; 44 wethers for Bocking Brothers at 12s 5d, 6 at 11s 9d; 52 wethers for A. M'Gregor at 11s 6d, 98 wethers at 9s 4d to 9s 7d; 213 wethers for Connell, Harvey, and Co. at 10s 3d to 10s 10d.

Warden Harry Graves and Son.—20 crossbred wethers for H. Kennedy at 11s 7d, 65 wethers at 9s 6d, 123 at 8s.

Weaver and Perry.—445 ewe hoggets for Raby Estate at 10s 8d; 41 crossbred wethers for H. Rofe at 10s 8d, 163 wethers at 8s 4d, 68 hoggets at 8s 3d, 93 at 8s 5d; 19 wethers for J. J. Kelly at 13s 9d, 50 ewes at 11s 2d, 16 crossbred ewes at 11s 1d; 179 wethers for Lethbridge Brothers at 11s 3d to 11s 10d, 47 at 10s 8d; 45 ewes for Southern agents at 11s, 9 wethers at 10s, 10 crossbred ewes at 9s 11d, 5 rams at 10s 6d.

LAMBS.

A fair supply of lambs, mainly medium quality, and including a large number of young and light, prime scarce. Competition brisk and values higher for the better qualities, others without quotable change. Prime lambs 11s to 12s, extra prime 13s to 14s 6d, odd ones to 15s; good lambs 8s 6d to 9s 6d, medium lambs 6s to 7s, young and light 3s 7d to 5s.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—25 lambs for Christian Brothers at 12s.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—130 lambs for J. Davis at 7s; 36 lambs for M. Clear at 6s, 18 at 4s 1d, 27 at 3s; 29 lambs for Southern agents at 12s 4d.

William Inglis and Son.—18 lambs for J. C. Everingham at 10s 11d, 7 at 8s 2d.

Farmers' and Settlers' Co-operative Society, Limited.—15 lambs for J. M'Clymont at 11s 9d; 102 lambs for D. Morris at 7s, 26 at 5s 10d, 312 at 5s 7d.

J. C. Young and Co.—40 lambs for W. Crisp at 8s 6d, 32 at 6s 8d, 29 at 6s 5d.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—12 lambs for — Cosgrove at 14s 8d, 73 at 13s 5d to 13s 9d; 30 lambs for A. J. M'Innes at 11s; 17 lambs for A. M'Donald at 10s 7d, 31 at 9s 1d; 21 hoggets for W. G. Hayes, jun., at 8s 7d, 7 crossbred hoggets at 9s 7d; 6 hoggets for — Wright at 8s 6d.

Maiden Brothers.—25 lambs for T. Cheney at 13s, 5 at 13s 7d, 9 at 11s; 17 lambs for E. Moran at 12s 11d; 10 lambs (shorn) for H. Marshall at 12s 1d, 10 at 9s 4d, 35 at 10s 1d; 23 lambs for T. A. Morrison at 11s 5d; 7 lambs for G. Clayton at 11s 5d; 62 lambs for S. and J. Irwin at 11s 8d to 11s 11d, 17 at 11s, 18 at 8s 11d; 42 lambs for F. Harrison at 11s 6d, 8 at 10s 5d; 88 crossbreds for Western agents at 7s 9d to 8s, 23 at 6s, 95 at 8s 10d, 84 at 5s 6d, 105 at 6s 1d, 78 at 6s 2d; 19 lambs for Western agents at 6s 1d.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—4 lambs for Southern agents at 13s 6d to 15s, 10 at 12s 10d, 10 at 12s 6d; 10 lambs for T. Wilson at 12s 7d; 33 lambs for G. E. Faithfull at 13s 3d, 100 at 11s 10d to 12s 1d; 77 lambs for J. Badgery at 12s 6d, 181 at 11s 2d, 18 at 11s 9d, 32 at 10s 1d to 11s 2d; 22 lambs for G. Cotgrave at 12s.

Warden Harry Graves and Son.—11 crossbred hoggets for H. Kennedy at 11s 2d, 21 at 7s 3d, 19 lambs at 6s.

Weaver and Perry.—17 lambs for Raby Estate at 11s, 7 at 7s 2d; 13 lambs for J. J. Kelly at 12s 11d; 11 lambs for Lethbridge Brothers at 11s 9d, 10 at 11s 3d, 87 at 9s 9d.

CATTLE.

Upwards of 902 cattle yarded, representing 46 consignors, principally from the northern and southern districts, with odd lots from the west. The yardings included a larger proportion of good to prime bullocks than for a long while past; not nearly so many inferior bullocks and steers as have been forward of late; about 440 cows and heifers (or nearly half the supply), including a large proportion of good useful quality, with a fair representation of prime. There was the usual attendance of buyers, but as the supply of good quality was more than ample for requirements the market opened at a decline on last Monday's high rates. This tone prevailed to the close. Quotations—Yards of prime bullocks £13 to £13 10s, yards of prime and heavy bullocks £14 to £14 10s, odd extra prime and heavy bullocks to £15 17s 6d, yards of good bullocks £9 to £10, yards of medium bullocks £6 to £7, yards of light and inferior bullocks and steers £3 to £4 10s; yards of prime cows £8 to £8 10s, yards of extra prime cows £9, odd choice beasts to £10 7s 6d, yards of good cows £5 10s to £6 10s, yards of medium cows £4 to £4 10s, yards of light and inferior cows and heifers £2 to £3. Best beef realising to 38s per 100lb.

Wilkinson and Lavender.—31 bullocks for H. Osborne to £8 17s, averaging £7 11s 6d.

Warden Harry Graves and Son.—2 cows for A. Rothery at £5 3s, 10 steers at £4 4s.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.—30 bullocks for A. A. Co. to £13 10s, averaging £12 9s 1d; 35 bullocks for Northern agents to £11, averaging £10 7s 8d; 9 bullocks for W. Pearce at £9 18s, 1 cow at £8 5s; 1 stag for J. Davis at £9, 10 cows at £8 6s; 19 bullocks for Southern agents to £9 9s, averaging £8 10s. 3 calves at £3 8s; 22 cows for A. A. Dangar to £8 2s 6d, averaging £8; 15 bullocks for A. Morrison to £10 10s, averaging £7 19s 8d, 10 cows to £6 16s, averaging £6 2s 3d, 8 bullocks at £7 18s, 5 cows to £7 15s, averaging £6 13s 9d; 11 steers for Southern agents at £4 7s, 1 heifer at £4 13s; 6 steers for J. Healey, jun., at £4 13s, 5 cows at £5 6s; 7 cows for A. Hume at £3 10s, 3 calves at 16s 3d.

J. C. Young and Co.—54 bullocks for J. E. Mackellar to £14 11s 3d, averaging £13 10s 6d; 36 cows and heifers for R. O. Hassall to £8 17s 6d, averaging £7 10s 8d; 7 bullocks for R. Butler to £14 2s 6d, 27 cows to £5 17s 6d, averaging £5 1s 6d; 1 bullock for R. D. Graham at £8 15s, 1 steer at £5, 1 cow at £4 12s 6d.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—1 bullock for Stewart and Smith at £15 5s, 18 bullocks to £14 10s, averaging £14 5s, 3 bullocks (injured) at £7 2s 6d, 1 bullock (injured) at £7; 3 bullocks for A. King, sen., at £7 10s, 1 stag at £5 15s, 4 cows at £5 13s, 4 steers at £4 9s, 1 calf at £2 18s.

Farmers' and Settlers' Co-operative Society, Limited.—Three bullocks for H. Studte at £15 17s 6d, 2 bullocks at £13 5s, 5 bullocks to £11 1s, averaging £9 14s 8d.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—2 bullocks for Southern agents at £10 12s 6d, 3 cows to £5 18s, averaging £5 12s; 11 cows for H. J. Bassingthwaighte to £7 13s, averaging £7 2s 1d, 1 vealer at £4 5s, 1 bull at £6; 12 cows for W. Spicer to £7 10s, averaging £6 2s 9d; 2 steers for W. Marriott at £6, 11 heifers at £5 10s; 13 cows for H. Dunn at £4 6s; 26 cows and heifers for W. G. Hayes, jun., to £5 11s, averaging £4 16s 11d, 4 steers at £3 8s; 1 steer for W. Smith at £5 5s, 4 cows and heifers to £6 10s, averaging £5 10s 9d, 1 calf at £1 8s.

Maiden Brothers.—9 bullocks for A. and J. Armour to £10 7s, averaging £8 7s 1d, 1 cow at £6 4s.

Weaver and Perry.—30 bullocks for M. R. O'Brien to £13 15s, averaging £12 15s 1d; 34 cows for Northern agents to £7 8s, averaging £6 13s 9d; 9 bullocks for J. Hoddle at £9 2s 6d, 15 steers at £6 12s, 7 cows to £8 10s, averaging £7, 1 calf at £3 17s 6d; 11 cows for J. Terry to £5 10s, averaging £5 11s; 12 cows for S. Terry to £6 13s, averaging £5 6s 7d, 1 bull at £4; 8 bullocks for Northern agents to £13 7s 6d, averaging £13, 1 stag at £8, 19 cows to £6 13s, averaging £5 19s 5d, 1 heifer at £5 8s; 1 bullock for E. J. Whitten at £10, 4 steers at £5 5s, 9 cows to £6 12s, averaging £4 15s 7d; 13 heifers for Namoi Pastoral Company at £7 4s; 11 bullocks for H. F. Marr to £11 7s 6d, averaging £11 5s 5d; 9 bullocks for Junee agents to £15 12s 6d, averaging £12 18s; 10 cows for Southern agents to £5 16s, averaging £3 8s, 2 bulls to £5 15s, averaging £5, 1 calf at £1; 3 cows for local owner to £5 3s, averaging £4 6s.

William Inglis and Son.—2 bullocks for T. M. Dunn at £14 15s, 2 cows at £9 7s; 10 bullocks for H. Butler to £13 17s 6d, averaging £12 19s 6d, 14 cows and heifers to £10 7s 6d, averaging £8 4s 3d; 6 bullocks for A. E. Vicary at £9, 31 cows and heifers to £7 7s, averaging £5 17s 6d, 2 bulls to £5 15s, averaging £5 7s, 3 calves at 35s; 1 bullock for Southern agents at £8 5s, 9 cows and heifers to £5 15s, averaging £2 15s 5d, 2 bullocks to £5 8s, averaging £4 14s 6d, 1 calf at 20s, 11 cows and heifers for Southern agents to £6 10s, averaging £4 18s 11d, 2 calves to 35s, averaging 23s 6d; 3 cows for W. Jones to £6 7s, averaging £5 12s; 14 cows for D. M'Kinnon to £6 5s, averaging £5 15s 1d; 4 bulls for J. Workman to £6, averaging £5 3s, 4 calves at 21s 6d; 6 cows for Western agents to £5 9s, averaging £4 19s 6d, 5 steers to £4 1s, averaging £3 14s 10d; 16 heifers for Southern agents to £2 10s, averaging £2 9s 1d.

CITY YARDS.

William Inglis and Son's live stock report.—Milch cows: The supply this week was a small one, and consisted of some very nice cows and heifers. There was a large attendance of buyers, and competition brisk throughout at satisfactory prices. Best made from £11 15s to £13, extra £13 10s to £16 10s, good £9 to £10 5s, medium £6 10s to £8, inferior £4 10s to £5 10s. We sold 54 at the above quotations, also 60 dry and fat cattle from £2 10s to £10 15s, and 14 Ayrshire cows and heifers from £7 to £10 15s. Fat calves: We sold 40 from South Coast at 20s 6d to 47s 6d, 35 from Rooty Hill at 23s to 51s 6d, 15 per steamer at 18s to 61s 6d, 20 from Picton at 35s to 50s, 10 from Riverstone at 23s 6d to 47s, 10 from Penrith at £2 15s to £3 11s, 38 for various owners at 10s 6d to 35s. Pigs: We sold 121 from South Coast at 24s to £4 2s 6d, 72 from Clarence and Macleay Rivers at 22s 6d to 51s 6d, 15 from Penrith at 37s to £3 6s 6d, 83 from Goulburn at 12s 9d to £4 4s 6d, 15 from Picton at 27s to 55s 6d, 31 for suburban owners at 22s 6d to £4 15s.

Ellis and Co. report having sold at the City Corporation Yards and their Railway Stock Sale Yards:—Milch cows, £5 10s to £14 each; fat cows, £4 to £9. Fat calves: 28 for Burns at 21s to 80s, 15 for James at 16s to 56s, 13 for various at 16s to 44s each. Fat pigs: 11 for Smea at 40s to 90s, 15 for Blake at 8s 6d to 38s, 27 for Mullens at 21s to 38s 6d, 15 for White at 28s to 104s, 24 for various at 18s to 74s each. Store pigs: 59 for various at 10s 6d to 28s 6d each.

Hill, Clark, and Co. sold nearly 700 pigs to £5 19s 6d, and 21 calves to 60s.

J. C. Young and Co. sold 165 pigs to £4 8s 6d, and 60 calves to £4 10s.

Maiden Brothers sold nearly 300 pigs, realising 100s for backfatters, 84s for baconers, 45s for porkers, and 22s 6d for slips.

STOCK SALES.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

Yesterday's stock sales did not conclude till a late hour. There was a large attendance. The sheep market showed no improvement. If anything it was a trifle easier. Between 7000 and 8000 sheep were penned, made up of many small yardings, and the sales dragged. There was a fair supply of fats, principally medium to prime quality wethers, and a sprinkling of prime ewes. Best fat wethers realised 11s to 12s, others 10s to 10s 6d; best ewes 9s to 10s 6d, others 7s to 8s, weaners 9s to 11s 6d; best store wethers 7s 6d to 8s, others to 7s; best ewes 7s 9d to 9s, aged and inferior 4s 6d to 6s, weaners 5s 9d to 7s 4d. About 1500 cattle were yarded, including a fair supply of fats, principally of plain to medium quality cows. Store cattle consisted largely of grown female cattle, showing that holders have little confidence in the prospects of the immediate future. The market showed a decline. Best fat bullocks realised £7 10s, others £5 to £6; cow £4 to £4 15s; young store bullocks £4 10s, others 50s to £3; cows £2 to £2 18s; heifers, ditto yearlings off, to 35s; poddies, 10s to 20s; springers, which were in strong demand, to £9.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

At the fat stock sales at Campbell's Hill to-day fat cattle were in large supply, and in quality ranging from medium to prime. Competition was active, and values very firm. Best bullocks, £10 5s to £13; good, £8 2s 6d to £9 15s; medium, £4 12s 6d to £7 8s. Cows: Best, £6 18s to £7 15s; good, £5 5s to £6 14s; light and medium, £3 15s to £4 17s 6d. Fat calves: A fair supply was penned, chiefly good fresh quality. The demand was animated and values very firm. Best made from 65s to 70s, good 37s 6d to 53s, others from 15s. Fat sheep were in fair supply. Competition was active, and values about equal to last week's rates. Best merino wethers realised 14s 6d to 16s 8d, seconds 13s to 14s 2d, others 9s 6d to 11s 6d; ewes, tops 10s 6d to 12s, others 7s 6d to 9s 6d; crossbred wethers, best 14s 6d to 18s, seconds 12s 6d to 14s, others 10s 6d to 11s 6d; ewes, 11s 6d to 14s 6d. Fat and store pigs were penned in fair supply, and there was a good demand. Values were easier. Best baconers, 48s to 60s, light 33s to 41s, heavy porkers 24s to 26s 6d, light 18s 6d to 23s; stores and slips, 8s 6d to 16s.

STOCK AND STATION PRODUCE.

The Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company, Limited, John Bridge and Co., Limited, Dalgety and Co., Limited, Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited, Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited, Hill, Clark, and Co., Pastoral Finance Association, Limited, Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Limited, report:—

Tallow.—There was a fair attendance of buyers, and under moderate competition good clearances were effected at prices showing a decline of 10s per ton on last week's rates. Quotations:—Prime mixed, £29 to £29 10s per ton; good mixed, £28 to £28 15s; medium mixed, £27 10s to £28 5s; inferior mixed, £26 10s to £27 10s; broken packages from £24 10s. 263 casks were offered and 130 sold.

Hair, Horns, and Sundries.—With the exception of hide-pieces, which sold at advanced prices, values for all descriptions showed no change from last week. Quotations:—Horsehair sold to 1s 6d per lb., cow to 17½d, store to 5½d; shankbones, round to £4 15s per ton, mixed to £3 5s, ends to £3, knuckles to £2 17s 6d; hoofs, best mixed to £5 12s 6d, ordinary to £3 5s; hide-pieces, best to £9 17s 6d, ordinary to £7 10s, dehaired (nominal) to £15, sinews (mixed) to £27 10s, pizzles to £8, horns to 85s per 100, beeswax 12d to 13d per lb.

MELBOURNE FRUIT MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the Queen Victoria market this morning apples, cooking, sold at 1s to 2s per case; ditto, dessert 1s, 2s 6d to 4s; figs, 1s 6d to 3s 6d per half-case; grapes, 2s 6d to 8s per case; Italian oranges, 16s to 18s per double case; Italian lemons, 16s to 18s ditto; melons, water 4s to 6s per dozen, ditto rock 3s to 4s ditto, ditto preserving 3s to 4s ditto; peaches, 3s to 8s per case; pears, culinary 1s to 2s ditto, ditto dessert 3s to 4s ditto; plums, 3s 6d to 4s 6d ditto.

NEWCASTLE.

LOADING BELOW THE LINE.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

At the Newcastle Police Court to-day, before Mr. Scott, S.M., Robert Alexander Batchelor, master of the British registered ship Cedarbank, was proceeded against by P. S. Newton, an inspector under the Navigation Act, for loading the said ship so as to submerge in salt water the centre of the disc indicating the loadline. Mr. Sparke appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Julian Windeyer for the defence. The inspector stated that he visited the ship on the 24th instant after she had completed loading. The pilot was on board, and she was ready for sea. On the port side the centre of the disc was submerged 5in., and on the starboard side 2½in. He tested the water the same day, and found it 3° stronger than the standard for salt water. A number of witnesses were called to give corroborative evidence.

For the defence John Fernie, chief officer of the ship, said that when the last of the coal was put aboard, and the vessel moved into the stream, the mark on both sides of the vessel was a quarter of an inch clear of the water. Twenty-seven tons of coal were taken out of the ship.

F. W. Taylor, a stevedore who trimmed the vessel, stated that when he finished trimming he examined the marks on both sides with the defendant. The loading line was slightly submerged on both sides, but as a ship generally rose about an inch in deeper water after leaving the wharf he expected the vessel would be on the safe side. When they put the last waggon load on board the defendant tested the water.

The defendant also gave evidence, stating that when the last waggon of coal was put into the ship the loading lines were submerged about a quarter of an inch. At that time the water was smooth. He considered that when the ship moved into deeper water at the buoy she would be 1½in. clear of the loadline. He discharged 27 tons of coal under protest. When the inspector examined the ship the water was rough.

The Bench, after hearing a good deal of evidence, fined the defendant £1, with £2 as professional costs.

THE COAL EXPORT TRADE.

The following vessels cleared at the Customs to-day:—The steamer Mildura, for Townsville, with 180 tons of coal and 60 cases biscuits; the steamer Moeraki, for Wellington, via Sydney, with 1400 tons of coal, 170 bags coke, 50 pieces of timber, and 50 pipes; the steamer Mursby, for the South Sea Islands, via Sydney, with 1750 tons of coal; the Italian barque Speme, for Valparaiso, with 1412 tons of Wallsend coal; the barquentine Jane L. Stanford, for Honolulu, with 1499 tons of East Greta coal; the steamer Strathord, for Manila and Cebu, with 5988 tons of Seaham coal; the steamer Duckenfield, for Dunedin, with 600 tons of coal; and the steamer Larwon, for Melbourne, via Sydney, with 4500 tons of coal and 30 tons of coke.

The steamers Strathord, Duckenfield, and Mildura sailed as above to-day; also the steamer New Guinea, for Melbourne, with 3850 tons of coal; the steamer Wanaka, for Launceston, with 450 tons of coal; the steamer Barrier, for Cairns, via Brisbane and Townsville, with 1800 tons of coal; the barque Baldomero (Chili), with 1490 tons of Wallsend coal; the barque Orellana, for Eten (Peru), with 1451 tons of Wallsend coal.

The four-masted barquentine Alumna arrived to-day from Delagoa Bay to load Pacific Co-operative coal for Honolulu. The ship Blythswood arrived from Sydney with a large quantity of [illegible] which, on account of the plague regulations, she will have to discharge in the stream. After discharging she loads Duckenfield coal for Honolulu. The German ship Antares reached port to-day from Table Bay, and will load Seaham coal for Mazatlan. The Swedish ship Thessalus arrived from Melbourne to load Duckenfield coal for the west coast.

THE NEWCASTLE SHOW.

Considerable interest is being taken in the forthcoming show, which is to be opened on Thursday, 19th proximo. Given fine weather, there appears to be every prospect of the exhibition being a great success. The secretary (Mr. M. A. Fraser) states that the entries, which close on Thursday next, are coming to hand copiously, and in regard to the number and variety of exhibits the success of the show is already assured. Last year, which was the initial effort of the society, upwards of 30,000 people paid for admission to the grounds during the two days the exhibition was open. During the past year extensive improvements have been made to the grounds, and the exhibition will be an improvement in every respect, so that a much larger attendance is confidently anticipated. In the ring attractions the sum of £60 is being distributed in prizes for a high jump, and there will be a series of trotting races. The Hon. E. W. O'Sullivan, who has accepted an invitation to be present, will probably open the show.

The steamer Duckenfield sailed to-day for Dunedin, and will on her return tow the old clipper ship Samuel Plimsoll to Sydney. The latter on arrival will be converted into a hulk.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

HOUSES AND LAND.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited.—At their Rooms, at 11.30, City and Suburban Properties.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

J. R. LAWSON.—At the Rooms, at 11, Furniture, Pianofortes, Fireproof Safes, Carpets, Typewriter, &c.

H. W. BROOK.—At 417 Pitt-street, at 11, Furniture, Dinner Services, Carpets, Linoleums, &c.

S. H. HARRIS and CO.—At the Mart, at 11, Art China, Dinner Services, Tea Sets, Statuettes, Clocks, &c.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At Hay and George streets, at 2, Blankets, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, &c.

H. W. CAREY and CO.—At their Rooms, at 2.30, Teas.

J. P. LISTER.—At his Rooms, at 11, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, &c.; at 3.30, Jewellery, &c.

HOPKINS, ABBOTT, and CO.—On the Premises, 170 George-street West, at 11, Furniture, Crockery, Piano, Organ, Carpet Squares, &c.

E. H. BRODRIBB.—At 697, 699 George-street, Piano, Furniture, &c.

A. TRAVERSI and CO.—At the Rooms, at 11, Boots and Shoes.

J. G. FLEMING and SONS.—At the Rooms, at 11, Bedsteads, &c.

SMITH and BAINES.—At 140 Kent-street, at 11, Furniture, Crockery, Tools, &c.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.

At the Wool Exchange.—At 10.30, Sheepskins; at 2, Hides.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY.—At the Wool Salerooms, at 10.30, Tallow; at 1, Hides.

GEORGE MOXHAM and CO.—At the Wool Exchange, at 11, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN and MERCANTILE AGENCY COMPANY.—At the Royal Exchange, at 10.30, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

C. T. TURNER.—At his Rooms, at 1.30, Poultry, Eggs, Suckers, &c.

ELLIS and CO.—At their Salerooms, at 1, Pigs, Poultry, Butter, &c.

R. F. MURPHY and CO.—At their Salerooms, at 1.30, Pigs, Poultry, Eggs, &c.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At their Bazaar, at 10.30, 11.30, and 12, Horses, Vehicles, &c.

SMITH and BAINES.—At 140 Kent-street, at 11, Double Harness, Sulky Harness, Saddle, Bridle, &c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. COWAN.—On the Premises, York and Market streets, at 11, Building Materials, &c.

J. H. HAWKEN.—On the Premises, The Crescent, Minto, at 3.15, Furniture, Horses, Cattle, Vehicles, &c.

J. M. CANTY.—At 62 George-street West, at 11, Confectionery and Grocery Business.

Yale has received a remarkably large collection of Egyptian antiquities. The consignment, which is from Abydos and Fayum, is of unusual value. The prehistoric period is represented by 100 flint instruments. There are spindle whorls belonging to the First Dynasty and Ushabti figures, beads, bronzes, and a double granite statue of Unnefer and his sister, ranging in point of historic sequence from the eighteenth to the thirteenth dynasty. A fine cartonnage mask, ivory beads, wooden comb, pottery vases, lamp, glass vases, bronze bangles, &c., all date from the Graeco-Roman period.

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QUEENSLAND AND WESTERN AUSTRALIA ACTIVE.

The proportion of the money required in New South Wales towards the sending of a Commonwealth rifle team to defend the Kolapore Cup at Bisley this year is approximately £730, and of this amount a sum of £286 has been received and promised. A considerable sum has yet, therefore, to be collected, and this will have to be raised quickly if a team is to be despatched. The executive committee has, up to the present, been waiting to ascertain what the efforts of the rifle men and members of the defence forces would realise before making any special appeal to business firms or leading citizens. Secretaries of rifle clubs and others were kindly asked to return their lists by February 25, if possible, but up to yesterday very few had done so, consequently it is difficult to gauge what will be yet forthcoming from military and naval sources. Lieutenant-Colonel Oldershaw is anxious that outstanding lists be sent in as early as convenient.

Writing on February 24 to the secretary of the Victorian Rifle Association, Lieutenant-Colonel Oldershaw, chairman of the N.R.A. council, thus sums up the present position:—"We are all anxious that there shall be no split in the camp this year, and a careful examination of the position reveals the fact that there is really very little difference between the two proposed methods of getting a team. We in New South Wales, after carefully considering the matter, have come to the conclusion that the population basis, both for money and for men, is the fairest and simplest solution; while others, for instance, South Australia, have decided 'that the best team should be chosen, irrespective as to the State to which the members of the team belong.' I would like to ask this question. Will a team chosen on a population basis differ materially from one chosen irrespective of the State, &c.? Personally I am convinced that there would be very little difference between the two teams, but the population basis is so much simpler and so much more likely to please the majority of riflemen that there can be no great harm in adopting it. I hope your association will soon get to work, and be successful in raising the necessary money. The State Associations will naturally prefer to have the selecting of the men to represent them left in their own hands than to have it done for them by somebody else."

It might be added that the annual meeting of the Victorian Association takes place to-night in Melbourne, when Colonel Templeton proposes to bring up some definite resolution in regard to the organisation of the team. Probably Major-General Hutton will also be present to support the project.

A letter has been received from the Western Australian Rifle Association stating that subscription lists had already been distributed in the State. The council had telegraphed to Lieutenant-Colonel Davies, hon. secretary of the Commonwealth Council of Rifle Associations, expressing its willingness to subscribe Western Australia's quota on a population basis, provided that the claims of each State received equal consideration.

Captain J. R. Sankey, the secretary of the Queensland Rifle Association, has written stating that his association has voted £50 towards the Bisley fund, and that an active canvass was being carried out to secure the balance of the northern State's proportion of expenses. Circulars appealing for subscriptions, based on the lines of those issued in New South Wales, had been distributed. Captain Sankey mentioned that Mr. Alexander Ferguson, who was in last year's team, would not be a candidate for a position this year.

Captain W. Foskett, secretary of the N.R. Association, reports that the following sums have been donated or promised to date:—

	£	s.	d.
National Rifle Association of N.S.W.	100	0	0
"Sydney Morning Herald"	50	0	0
Defence Force Rifle Association	25	0	0
1st Infantry Regiment	25	0	0
John Sands, George-street	5	5	0
Collected by Mr. R. S. Sands—			
Mrs. Graham	1	1	0
S. Zollner	1	1	0
N.S.W. Bookstall Company	1	1	0
Samuel Cook ("S.M. Herald")	1	1	0
W. Edwards (Bank of N.S.W.)	1	1	0
T. Miller	0	10	6
W. M'K.	0	10	6
Wiggins, Teape, and Co.	0	10	6
J. Le V. P., 2s 6d; G. B., 2s 6d	0	5	0
St. Leonards Civilian Rifle Club	5	10	0
Audit Office—Collected by R. C. Dawson	3	0	0
Dalgety and Co., Limited	3	3	0
Lieutenant-Colonel T. F. Knox	1	1	0
Captain P. Charley, Lancers	3	3	0
Captain J. J. Paine, Windsor	2	2	0
Parramatta Woollen Mills	2	2	0
Bathurst Mounted Rifles	2	2	0
Captain J. H. Watson	1	1	0
Colonel W. T. Farrell	1	1	0
Stanway and Slack, North Sydney	1	1	0
Kangaroo Valley Rifle Club	1	0	0
Staff Colour-sergeant Melville (late N.G.)	0	10	0
Western Rifle Association	5	0	0
Western Suburbs Rifle Club	2	2	0
Captain Fanning, Casino	1	1	0
Newcastle Company, Naval Brigade	1	1	0
1st Australian Horse, first instalment	3	14	0
M. Barlow, Muswellbrook	2	0	0
Bathurst Rifle Club	3	3	0
J. B. Gooch, George-street	1	1	0
Submarine Miners	0	16	6
Drummoyne Infantry Company	1	10	0
Robertson Half-Squadron Lancers	1	8	0
Maitland Rifle Club	0	18	0
W. Gill	0	10	0
Penrith Rifle Club	1	1	0
West Wyalong Rifle Club	2	16	6
Tamworth Rifle Club	2	2	0
Sunny Corner Rifle Club	0	7	6
Cobar Rifle Club	1	15	0
Hillgrove Rifle Club	1	1	0
Newcastle Rifle Club	0	10	0
Sydney Rifle Club	4	0	0
Katoomba Rifle Club	1	10	6
4th Infantry Regiment, first instalment	7	11	0
Total	£286	1	6

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REQUIREMENTS OF BROKEN HILL.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

A number of business men held a conference with the Mayor (Alderman Hendry) at the Town Hall this afternoon for the purpose of making suggestions and discussing means for improving the general welfare of the town. Amongst other matters attention was drawn to the waterless state of the travelling routes between Broken Hill and White Cliffs, and it was suggested that the Government be urged to take action in the matter by providing tanks, as had been done on the route between Wilcannia and Bourke. With regard to the water question the conference determined to approach the Chamber of Commerce to endeavour to get some expression of public feeling that would move the Minister for Works and induce him to redeem his promise to go on with some scheme.

PARRAMATTA DISTRICT.

P.A.F.S.A.

The newly-formed lodge, Conqueror, No. 104, Protestant Alliance Friendly Society of Australasia, was inaugurated at Auburn on Wednesday evening, when a number of the Grand Lodge officers attended. A number of representatives from sister lodges were also present. The W.G.M., Bro. T. Henderson, delivered an address, in which he advocated the claims of the society. D.S.M. Bro. Cooper also gave an address. A number of new members were initiated, and the following officers were duly installed:—W.M., Bro. J. Muries; D.M., Bro. C. Sidney; secretary, Bro. G. Somerville; treasurer, Bro. C. Dyer; chaplain, Bro. W. Hodgkins; S.E., Bro. E. Thomas; J.E., Bro. J. Hands; I.G., Bro. C. Kennedy; elected P.M., Bro. F. Farrow.

HARRIS PARK DRAINAGE.

The councils of Parramatta and Granville have for some time past been in correspondence in regard to the matter of dealing with the drainage of Harris Park, and it was reported lately that the Government intended having the work done and charging the two boroughs proportionately. The Granville Council is in the position that it has been threatened with legal proceedings if it does not take steps to carry off the drainage from certain properties. It was expected that the money for the work would be available as soon as the two councils came to an agreement as to the mode of repayment, but it now transpires that the money will not be available for some time, and Mr. John Nobbs, M.L.A., has been informed by the Works Department that the work of constructing the drain cannot be carried out at present owing to lack of funds, but an amount to defray the cost of constructing the drain would, it was hoped, be noted for the next Estimates.

PYRMONT STONE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In reply to the statements that have been made as regards the excessive cost of dressing stone for the Fisher Library and Prince Alfred Hospital buildings, I must repudiate the charge against the stone being so hard. This opportunity to condemn the stone is embraced by those whose interest it may be to change the locality of supplies. Why the cost for these works appears to be so excessive is due partly to the smallness of the stone used thereon, for the cost in dressing always depends upon the cubical contents of the stone, i.e., if the face of a stone of 1 cubic foot costs 10s to dress, then to mould a similar facework of another stone whose dimensions cube 10ft. in proportion would be only 1s per foot.

As to the merits of the men employed on these works, there may be considerable variation. However, it is said that the Masons' Union allows anyone, whether he is a mason or not, to join their ranks; and then you have all kinds of men, from honourable and competent masons down to impostors who may have used masons' tools under compulsion.

I am, &c., ROBERT SAUNDERS.

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FUNERALS.

O'TOOLE.—The Relatives and Friends of Miss ELIZA O'TOOLE are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved SISTER, Matilda; to leave the Sydney Hospital THIS (Friday) MORNING, at 8.45, for Waverley R.C. Cemetery. W. J. DIXON and CO., 120 Oxford-st., city, near Palmer-st.; 128 George-street West.

CLARKE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. CORBEN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved AUNT, Hannah Clarke; to move from St. Vincent's Hospital, THIS DAY, Friday, at 1.15 p.m., for Necropolis. W. MASON, Undertaker, Stafford-street, Paddington.

CLARKE.—The Friends of LILY and IVO CLARKE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER, Hannah Clarke; to move from St. Vincent's Hospital, THIS DAY, Friday, at 1.15 p.m., for Necropolis.
W. MASON, Undertaker.

PALMER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. PALMER are invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved DAUGHTER, Agnes Annie Christian; to remove from the Reviver Hotel, Brown-street, Camperdown, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery, Newtown station.

KING.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. KING are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved eldest SON, John Joseph (Jackie); to move from their residence, 64 Croydon-road, Croydon, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Croydon station, thence Necropolis.
J. BRAUER, Undertaker, Summer Hill.

DOWNS.—The Relatives and Friends of Mr. WILLIAM DOWNS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE, Annie, which will leave his residence, No. 6 Claremont-street, Balmain, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the Presbyterian Cemetery, Field of Mars.
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DOWNS.—The Friends of Mrs. S. REID and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved DAUGHTER and SISTER, Mrs. William Downs, which will leave her late residence, No. 6 Claremont-street, Balmain, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the Presbyterian Cemetery, Field of Mars.
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FINUCANE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN FINUCANE, of Railway-parade, Kogarah, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved DAUGHTER, Florrie, which will leave Newtown station THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for the Necropolis. Sydney friends please take funeral train leaving Mortuary Station at 2.28.
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COCHRANE.—The Friends of Mrs. O'GRADY and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved GRANDDAUGHTER, Mary Agnes Cochrane; to move from her residence, 13 Wellington-street, Waterloo, TO-MORROW, Saturday, at 1.30 p.m., for the Necropolis. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers.

COCHRANE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE COCHRANE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved DAUGHTER, Mary Agnes; to move from the residence of her Grandmother, Mrs. O'Grady, 13 Wellington-street, Waterloo, TO-MORROW, Saturday, at 1.30 p.m., for the Necropolis.
Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON,
Undertakers.

FIZZELL.—The Friends of Mr. SAMUEL FIZZELL are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE, Kate; to leave his residence, Millicent Cottage, Bay-street, Botany, on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 2.45, for Botany Cemetery. REUBEN W. THOMAS, Undertaker, 67 King-street. Tel., 1734.

FIZZELL.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN G. C. PHILPOTT are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER, Mrs. Kate Fizzell; to leave her late residence, Millicent Cottage, Bay-street, Botany, on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 2.45, for Botany Cemetery. Reuben W. Thomas, undertaker, 67 King-st.

FIZZELL.—The Friends of Mr. WILLIAM BURNS FIZZELL are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved MOTHER, Mrs. Kate Fizzell; to leave her late residence, Millicent Cottage, Bay-street, Botany, on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 2.45, for Botany Cemetery. REUBEN W. THOMAS, Und'taker, 67 King-st. T., 1734.

FIZZELL.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES CLIMPSON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved MOTHER, Mrs. Samuel Fizzell; to move from her late residence, Bay-street, Botany, on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, at 2.45, for Botany Cemetery. R. W. THOMAS, Undertaker, 67 King-st. T., 1734.

MORONEY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS W. MORONEY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved and only DAUGHTER, Doris; to move from their residence, 94 Womerah-avenue, Darlinghurst, TO-MORROW (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 2.45, for Roman Catholic Cemetery, Waverley.
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M. J. MADDEN,
Council Clerk.

BOROUGH OF WOOLLAHRA.—Fresh TENDERS for Supplying and Laying Kerbing and Guttering in this Borough for the current municipal year will be received up to NOON, on SATURDAY, 7th March next. Specifications to be seen here during office hours.
CHAS. A. VIVIAN,
Council Clerk.
Council-chambers, Woollahra, 26 Feb., 1903.

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ALBERT BORCHARD,
Incorporated Accountant,
Equitable-buildings, George-street.
Sydney, 26th February, 1903.

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